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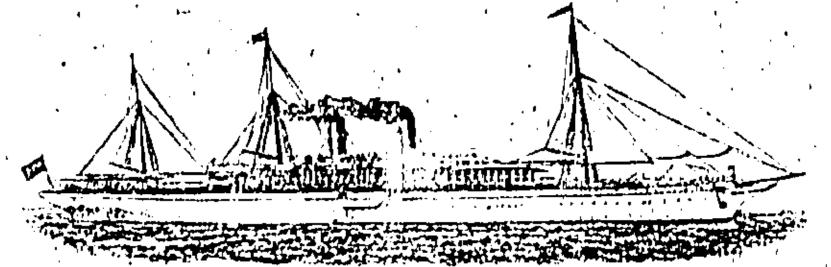
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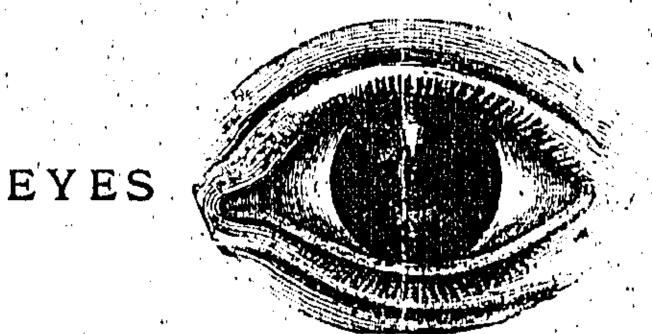
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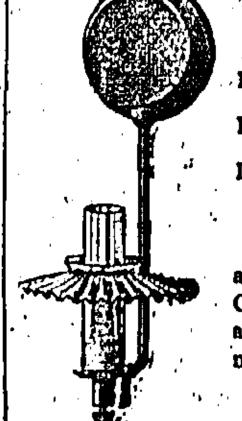
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NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at Head Office, No 2, Queen's Buildings, Hong-kong, on SATURDAY, the 28th April, 1906, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statements of Account to the 31st December, 1905, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 18th April to the 28th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, W. L. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1906.

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

TOTICE is hereby given that the FORTIETH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, No 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 28th April, 1906, at 12:30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Account to the 31st December, 1905, and of declaring Divi-

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th April to the 28th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JAMES WHITTALL,

Secretary. Horgkour, 6th April, 1906.

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS MORTIMER O'SULLI-VAN, LATE OF SWATOW, IN THE EMPIRE OF CHINA, PILOT, Decensed

NIOTICE is hereby given that all CRE-N. DITORS should send their CLAIMS against the above. Estate to the undersigned before the 26th day of April, 1906, failing which they will not be recognised.

Dated this 24th day of March, 1906. G. WILLIAMS,

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COMMERCIAL

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the week, Mesers, E. S. Kadoorie and Co. write, on the 12th inst., as follows:-To-morrow, Friday, being a holiday we are issuing our circular a day earlier than usual. Since we last wrote, nothing of any consequence has taken place in our market and quotations of most of our stocks remain unchanged,

Banks.-Transactions have been done in Hongkong and Shanghai Banks at \$860 and \$'65, the market closing at \$860. Nationals continue in request at \$40.

Marine Insurances.—Cantons have been sold at \$350 and there are further buyers at this rate. China Traders have buyers at \$96 North Chinas are quoted at Tls. 90. Unions are steady at \$790. Yangtszes i ave been sold at Tls. 190. At the forthcoming meeting of shareholders to be held on 18th instant in Shanghai the directors recommend a dividend of 20% (\$12 per share) 196,000, to transfer to reserve fund \$50,000, to re-insurance fund \$50,000 'and to carry forward/\$127,246.4B.

Fire Insurances.-China Fires have further advanced and are in demand at \$67, Hongkong Fires are wanted at \$305.

Shipping .-- China and Manilas remain quiet at \$18. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steambyats are offering at \$25. Indo-Chinas are quoted at \$94. Shell Transports have advanced and are wanted at 26s. A small parcel of Taku Tugs have been sold at Tls. 371. Star Ferries are unchanged.

Refineries.-China Sugars have sellers at \$180 and Luzons are quoted at \$25. Perak Sugars have improved and can be placed at STOCKBROKERS'

Mining -- Raubs are to be had at \$3. Chinese Engineerings continue in demand and have buyers at the improved rate of Tls. 10.35.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns - Hongkong and Whampon Docks after sales at \$170 are 1363 now offering at \$169. Farnhams have continued steady and close at Tls. 1184 at which rate sales have taken place. Kowloon Wharfs can be had at \$104\. Hongkew Wharfs have turther, appreciated in value and shares have changed hands at Tls. 2223.

Lands Hotels and Buildings,-Hongkong Lands are still wanted at \$116. Shanghai Lands have gone up to Tls. 120 and close firm with buyers at this rate. Hongkong Hotels have changed hands at \$133 and more shares can be placed.

Cotton Mills .- Ewos are still in demand and are now inquired for at Tls. 65. Internationals are quoted at Tls. 611 and Laou Kung Mows at Tls. 661. ...

Miscellaneous,-Cements have declined to 72 | \$291 and can be had at this rate. China Light and lowers have been sold at \$10, ex the dividend of 60 cents paid on 9th inst. Sumatras have advanced in the North to Tls. 65 and are firm at this figure. Sales have taken place of Providents at \$9 and Wm, Powells have been fixed at \$101 ex dividend. Langkats have sold at Tls. 2321 and close steady at Tls. 235.

THE WHANGPOO CONSERVANCY.

Vicercy Chou Fu has reported to the Waiwupu the arrangement with M. de Rijke in the matter of the Whangpoo conservancy after seeing M. de Rijke, Commissioner Hobson of the Customs at Shanghai and Secretary Ku Hung-ming, the deputy Commissioner of the Whangpoo Conservancy Board. In the report it is stated that all the works may be completed in five years at the expense of about one million pou de sterling and M. de Rijke has proposed to enter into an agreement with the Chinese aut orities under five conditions, namely, (1) to appoint de Rijke the chief engineer, (2 annual salary to be £3,000, (3) to give de Rijke an office and residence with six rooms furnished properly, (4) all the engineers to be employed, be either selected by the Chinese authorities or recommended otherwise shall be employed only with the consent of de Rijke, (5) the agreement shall be counted from the date when de Rijke left his home in Holland for five years. At the same time M. de Rijke will accept the proposals made by the Chinese authorities, namely, (1) as M. de Rijke is an employee of the State everything shall be settled by the Chinese Government, (2) all the reponsibility of the works shall be borne by the chief engineer, (3) the works are undertaken by a convention signed between China and the Treaty Powers and therefore the chief engineer

as well as the Powers concerned. Then the Waiwupu replied to the Viceroy that the salary should be made less at the beginning and increase gradually in the course offyears up to \$3,000 and the offices shall be same as the Chinese and the terms shall be that though a five years' agreement yet the Chinese Government can discharge him if it was found that the chief engineer did not manage the works properly, - Sinwanpao.

A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY.

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CRIME IN HONGKONG.

Hongkong's morality is distinctly on the supward grade, if we, may judge from the severely statistical statement issued by the Superintendent of Victoria Gaol for the past year. It is a notorious fact that figures are by no means the best guide which we can have if we desire to form a just estimate of the crime of the Colony for a specified actual crime -including petty offences of every description---showed a reduction of 1,213. In 1905 there were 64 prisoners received from the military authorities as compared with 95 in the previous year, a significant reduction. 'Under the heading of '" On remand or in default of finding surety" no less than 856 persons lost their libertytemporarily, let us hope-during the year which was a slight increase over the number of those who tailed to find bail or were unable to give guarantees of good faith in 1904. In considering one item of the list of "prisoners received," which is the quaint, official way of looking at the matter, one is inclined to ask-Are we becoming more lenient towards those who fail to pay their debts? Not so very long ago, when an in dividual failed to meet his obligations the creditor did not think twice over the matter. He simply clapped the debtor into prison. Nowadays, the creditor seems willing to out off the day when he must resort to the Court hoping, no doubt, that the debtor will eventually pay up like a man-hope tells him a flattering tale; at all events there were only 49 debtors imprisoned last year as contrasted with 64 in 1904. Including those who were on remand and those unable to find security or bail, 6,227 priagainst 7,464 in 1,904—a reduction of 1,237, giving a percentage of .057 to the estimated population, the lowest recorded for the last five years. It is noteworthy that the number of convictions from the New Territory was 169 last year or more than double that of the previous year. It does not necessarily follow that crime has increased on the mainland; the probability is that the outlying districts are better policed, with the result that crimes and offences which a few years ago would have passed unchecked are now brought to light by the vigilance of the law. No less than 3,383 persons came. under the discipline of the gaol for offences not of a criminal character, and of that number 1,307 had contravened some section of the Onium Ordinance. Five beggars spent a term in gaol! The report notes that first offenders are completely separated from habitual criminals, which is satislactory; for too often the prison officials are apt to forget that the prison exists not so comparatively little of interest in the report

> -if two births within the precincts of the prison be excepted—the only outstanding fact being the great reduction in the num-

THE Japanese Naval Department has given notice that fifteen of the merchant vessels cap tured during the late war are to be sold by tender. Applications must be sent to the Department by the 10th inst. The following are the steamships which are to be sold:-Yatsuura Maru, Urusan Maru, King Arthur, Bantry, Riubi Maru, Erimo Maru, Scotsman, Shibetori Maru 5, Vegga, tienry Bolkow, Chofuku Maru, Baios, Ridequir, and Montara. The sailing vessel Antelops is also to be sold [36-17 | by tender.

ber of those who endured prison life for a

snell during the past year.

SHIPBUILDING COMPANY.

ing the shareholders of that Company and

compelling the interest of all who have been watching the trend of events in the North, we denied the assertion made by the opponents of the re-construction scheme that the very existence of the new Company was threatened by the operations of the Kiangnan Arserial docks. It was argued that the Kiangnan Arsenal was flourishing so, greatly that it would shortly have all the work required by the Chinese Government, Chinese owners The postage on the weekly issue to any part of the and other shipping in its hands. Being a Government concern and bolstered up with Government money, the Kiangnan Arsenal could offer better terms than the Shanghai Engineering and Shipbuilding Company. A short paragraph in the A. C. Daily News shows how fallacious that view was. It is as follows: "The American cruiser haleigh was undocked and a Chinese cruiser docked at the International Dock on the 7th instant." It is evident, therefore, that the competition of the Kiangnan Arsenal is largely, a vain creation of the mind. M the Chinese Government find if desirable to send their warships to the International Dock in preference to the Klangnan Arsenal that is surely an indication that the fears of the pessimists, who foresaw the speedy downfall of the Shanghai Engineering and Shipbuilding Company period, because a great deal depends not so | may safely be disregarded. Endeavours much on the number of cases as on the were also made to prove that although Mr. character of the crimes committed. It is Korff was a director of the new Shanghai impossible, in the absence of any explana. Engineering and Shipbuilding Co. and was tory remarks by the Superintendent of the therefore likely to bring the large shipping Gaol, to say whether Hongkong is improve interests which his firm controls to the sering in this respect, but it is at least note- vice of the Company, the greatest amount of worthy that the number of convictions for | German ship repairing and engineering would be placed in the hands of German firms at Kiaochau. This argument also is squelched; for, on the 14th of March last, the German man-of-war Illis was docked at: Shanghai, cleaned and repaired. Here then is another instance why confidence should be retained in the Shanghai Engineering and Shipbuilding Company. With reference to this Company we may expect a an early date the official announcement that the old Farnham, Boyd Co. has been reconstructed with new articles under the name of the Shanghai Engineering and Shipbuild ing Company, Ltd. Readers will remember the resolution for the re-construction of the Company, and it is consequently unnecessary to enter into details on that point now, except to say that the new Company is to commence operations on the 1st proximo.' It is to be presumed that the new articles have to the effect that the resolutions passed at the extraordinary and adopted at the confirmatory meeting will take effect on the 1st prox. In this event the directors are required to give the shareholders a clear fourteen days' notice, so that the announcement as to the registration of the new Company must be made on Tuesday at the latest soners entered Victoria Gaol last year as if operations are to begin on the 1st of May. In the opinion of several shareholders there is a possibility that the question of reducing the capitals of the Company will once again be brought forward by the new board of directors. It is contended that the property market in Shanghai is, at the moment, far more favourable than when the scheme was first mooted about this time last year. We have no positive ground for suggesting that a reduction of the capital will be proposed by the new board, but if such be the case it is anticipated that no difficulty will be experienced in securing the Tis. 1,100,000 wherewith to return to the shareholders a sum of 20 taels per share of what is generally believed to be the over-capitalised amount of the amalgamated docks at Shanghai. It can be assumed with a reasonable degree of certainty that the valuable asset in the Old Dock would provide security for any advance which the Banking Corporation might grant to enable | St. George for his services at Algéciras. the Company to make the return of capital much for corrective purposes as for the suggested. We believe that such a return reclamation of the lapsed, and particularly would be generally welcomed by the shareof those who have fallen for the first time holders, and it would relieve the Company and taste the degradation of compulsory of the burden of earning larger profits in confinement. Taking it altogether there is order to maintain the dividend on a proportionately larger capital.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

The majority of people are inclined to scoff at the weather prophet, but withal he continues to thrive, and his very persistency may bring his detractors to his side in the course of time! From the Report of the Director of the Hongkong Observatory for last year, it appears that a comparison is made daily between the forecast issued and the actual conditions which follow. In 1905 the results of that comparison were: Success 56 per cent.; partial success 33 per cent.; failure 1 per cent.; partial failure 10 per cent. Following the method used in meteorological offices and taking the sum of total and partial success as a measure of

SHANGHAT ENGINBERING AND | success, and the sum of total and partial failure | Computsory swimming for all children over as a measure of failure, it follows that 89 per cent, of the weather forecasts were successful While the question of the re-construction | in 1905. No doubt this is very satisfactory from of S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co. was agitat- the scientific point of view, but the ordinary man requires something more. For instance, it would be well to know what the Observatory officials mean by "partial success," and when they account a forecast a "partial failure." To the common place individual, he weather forecast is of comparatively slight interest, but to the mariner it is of supreme importance, especially in the case of those who are unacquainted with the coast conditions. In this connection an appendix entitled "Fogs on the Coast of China," compiled by Mr. F. G. Figg, is of value, showing as it does the variation in fog conditions in the vicinity of Hongkong and around the coast generally. Mr. Figg states that "when the mean percentage of the whole of the stations is taken, April proves to be the foggiest month, 25 per cent. of the days being foggy, and September has the least fog, viz, t per cent. But the time of the occurrence of the maximum varies with the latitude, the S. coast recording the maximum in March, and Shantung and the Gulf of Pechili between June or July." After describing the weather conditions which tend to the creation of loggy weather the writer observes: "To the navigator the practical importance of the results arrived at is this, that about the beginning of the year whenever it is known that low pressure areas exist over China or adjacent waters he may expect to find more or less tog along the coast, its occurrence becoming more and more frequent and its character probably denser, until the period of the year when the maximum of fog obtains, is reached on the different parts of the coast." Fogs covering, the most extensive areas of the coast on the same day were most frequent in April, except over the area from the Yangtze to Shantung and the Gulf of Pechili when May shows the greatest percentage. April is seen to be a very bad month along the stretch of coast comprised by the Formosa Channel and mouth of the Yangtze, the prevalence of fog on the same day being very frequent over the whole area. After April it seldom happens that log embraces the S, coast and Formosa Channel areas at the same time, but they continue till about the middle of June in the area comprised by the Formosa Channel and the Yangtze districts, and they disappear still later in the section of the coast comprised by the estuary of the Yangtze and the Shantung districts. After the end of July there are practically no logs covering extensive sections of the coast of the same day. It is in January that they begin to increase again. From the table compiled it appears that much more fog is found a few miles seaward of the river mouths than at the been registered under the Companies Or- ports on the rivers a little inland. The main dinance of Hongkong, and it may be expected | point in the report, however, is the weather forethat shareholders will be served with a notice | casts, and nothing is said, as to whether the Director is entirely satisfied with the results achieved in 1905. We are left to infer that

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

because 56 per cent, were successful and 33

per cent, partially so the Observatory has ful-

filled its purpose. As a matter of fact, few

concern themselves with the existence of such

an institution, except in the typhoon season,

and then the Observatory's observations are of

THE German mail of the 13th March wa delivered in London on the rith inst.

THE Hon. Mr. Edward Osborne has been reappointed member of the Medical Board

MR. Bennet Burleigh (war-correspondent) has been struck down with an attack of double oneumonia and lies in a critical condition.

LIEUT.-Col. C. S. Sparkes, RAMC., has been appointed member of the Sanitary Board, in place of Lieut.-Col. C. L. Josling, R.A.M.C.,

THE next criminal sessions of the Supreme Court will be held on Wednesday, the 18t inst, at to o'clock in the forenoon.

Str. Arthur Nicolson, the British delegate at the Morocco Conference, has received the directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai | Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and

MR. T. Asano, President of the Toyo Kisen

Kaisha, proposes to establish a joint stock

company, with a capital of Yen 1,500,000, in order to improve the harbour and port of Yokkaichi. THE Lady Superior of the Roman Catholic Mission at Kumamoto, Sister Marie Colombe

has been decorated by H. I. M. the Emperor

with the Order of Merit for her services in

alleviating the sufferings of lepers since 1880.

GOVERNMENT proposes to crect a public latrine on the piece of ground at Tsim-Sha-Tsui bounded on the north and east by War Department land, on the south by a lane adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot 909, and on the west by Macdonnell Road.

A BERLIN naturalist uses his morning cup of coffee as a barometer. If the sugar be dissolved undisturbed, air bubbles rise to and remain on the surface. If they form a frothy mass, clear, fine weather can be reckoned on. If the froth collects in a ring round the edge of the cup, ahowers may be expected.

ten years of age, except those medically certified as unfit, has been adopted by the Beckenham Education Committee.

JULES Souchet, a Paris fireman, fell fifty feet from a ladder, while rescuing an aged lady from a burning building without receiving any serious injuries. The old lady fell on top of him, and beyond shock also escaped un-

"You are charged with having a quantity of illicit opium in your house," said Mr. F. Hazeland to a defendant this morning at the Police Court. "No, I have not," replied the Chinaman. "The excise officer put it there. I saw with my own eyes. I don't smoke." He was fined \$75 nevertheless.

In consequence of several complaints being made to the police by both local and naval men of the blocking of the landing to our whatves by sampans, the police went, out on Thursday and secured several sampan owners who were brought up at the P hee Court this morning and charged with obstruction. They were each fined \$5 and cautioned.

PROGRAMME of music to be performed by the Band of the 119th Infantry on the New Parade Ground, on Monday next, from 5 to 6,30 p.m.:-March...... "The Rifle Regiment" Sousa

Overture "Le Reine d'un Jour" Adam Phicolo Solo " Golden Spacks "....... H ewer New Dance " The Chorolistha "..............Scott God Save the King.

WARAN Das, an Indian hawker, No. 36, Elgin Road, Kowloon, figured in the dock at the Magistracy this morning, being charged with stealing from his employers 40 tolls of silk, 12 rolls of grass cloth, to dozen handkerchiefs, abourd the Moothen in port. etc., and \$200 in hard cash; total value, \$2,000, on or about the 11th instant. The defendant denied the charge. Inspector Langley, who prosecuted, asked for a remand. The case was accordingly adjourned until Tuesday next.,

THE launch of the steam-ship Loong-woo, which has been built by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company to the order of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, will take place on Wednesday, 18th inst., at 5 p.m. The Loong-wo is intended for the Yangise trade, and as an evidence of the interest which is being manifested in this trade it may be noted that the Li Fong, belonging to the Messageries Reunis, arrived at Hongkong the other day, en route to Shanghai, and she will also be employed on the Yangtse. The Li Fong, which a sister ship of a vessel (the Limao)-belonging to the same firm-already plying on the Yangise, left yesterday for Shanghai.

THE final association football match for the Soldiers' Club Challenge Shield was held on Club football ground at Happy Valley on Kents and the Royal Engineers. Both teams played a good game but were greatly himpered by the slippery condition of the ground. The West Kents were, however, quicker in taking the ball, and when half-time was called sides the Engineers attacked their opponents' the trip and see what was to be seen. citadel, but they were entirely out of luck in a though the weather considerably marred secured their second goal, and won a good match by two goals to nil.

A REUTER telegram, published in the Straits

Times, says:--The inquiry into the Scots Guards ragging case has been opened. Lieut Kennedy (the officer ragged) stated that Lieuts D. Hamilton, C. Hamilton, Harford, and Jolliffe court-martialled him on the charge of being in a filthy condition, and for telling the Colone. a lie. They afterwards stripped him, drenched him with motor-oil, and half smeared him with un. He admitted association with a woman Colonelt Cuthbert stated that the surgeon notified Kennedy's condition to him. He understood that Kennedy had some skin disease on him before this, .. The Colonel admitted having declared, in disgusted manner, that it was a matter for the subalterns to settle. But, by saying this, he only meant moral pressure.-Later despatch states: Surgeon-Major Whiston test fied to Lieutenant Kennedy's dirty condition and stated he was suffering from itch. Three orderlies and two army doctors testified to his cleanliness, ' Lieutenant Colonel G. J Cutibert accepted all the responsibility of punishing Lieutenant Kennedy. The inquiry has now been clused.

SAILORS IN TROUBLE.

LIVELY SCENES IN HORGKONG SHOPS:

James O'Dell, able seaman, H.M.S. Kent w s charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, with assaulting shopkeeper at No. 102, Queen's Road East, on the night of the 12th instant. When asked what he had to say, O'Dell said he had too much beer in him and coul I not remember what occurred on Thursday night. Evidence was heard to the effect that defendant entered the shop and hailed the complainant with a smack across the face. Then the row commenced. H Worship fined defendant \$5. A BAD SHOT.

James Edward Oakley, stoker, H.M.S. Kent,

was the next to face the Court in answer to four charges: (1) behaving in a disorderly manner while drunk in an eating-house at No. 223, Queen's Road Central last night, (2) damaging property in the shop, (3) assaulting a Chinese policeman, and (4) assaulting the shopkeeper. The defendant pleaded guilty to the charges. The complainant was called and he said that Oakley entered the shop on Thursday night and knockeddown a table containing crockery ware. When spoken to, defendant picked up a rice basin and flung it at his head. He failed to hit the target, so Oakley used his fist on the Chinaman. A policeman was called and defendant "went" for the policeman but, was afterwards arrested. His Worship in imposing a fine of \$11.80-which included compensation for damage done in the shop-remarked that he took into consideration Oakley's good character on board ship.

HAIL ESTREATED. Robert Robson, seaman, U.S.S. Monadrock, was arrested on Friday night for behaving in a riotous and disorderly manner whilst drunk in Oucen's Road Central. At the Centra Station he was released on \$10 bail. This morning he failed to turn up in quewer to the charge and his bail was ordered to be estreated by Mr. Hazeland.

SIR, AKTO UR MOORE.

VISITS GOVERNOR MONTENEGRO AT MACAO.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Macao, 12th April, 1906. The first visit to Macao of the new Commander-in-Chief of the British Naval Squadron in China was made on Wednesday. At six o'clock in the evening that day H.M.S. Alacrity, flying the flag of His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur W. Moore, anchored in the roadstead. At ten o'clock this forenoon the Admiral landed in the inner harbour of Macao at what is known as the old Naval Station pier. Early in the morning the river gunboat Moorhen steamed out from her moorings to the Alucrity in the outer harbour; the Admiral having embarked on board the Moorhen, she returned to Macao.

At the wharf to receive the distinguished visitor a guard of honour, under an officer of captain's rank; was posted. Sir Arthur Moore in landing was received with all the honours due to his rank, and then inspected the force. Accompanied by his aide-de-camp and the Commander of the Asacrtly, the British Admiral, attended by the Portuguese Chief of Staff, Captain Damao de Menezes of the Artillery, proceeded to Government House on a formal visit to the Governor of the Colony, Senhor Martinho de Montenegro. Another guard of honour in command also of a Captain awaited Sir Arthur Moore's arrival at the gubernatorial residence. The honours accorded the British visitor are what are equivalent to those given in Portugal to a General of Division.

After the usual exchange of courtesies the Admiral and the British officers returned

At eleven in the forenoon the Governor returned the Admiral's visit on / board the British gunboat. At I p.m, the Admiral returned to the Alacrity, which weighed anchor and steamed out in the direction of Canton. Had the Admiral not left to-day and had prolonged his stay at this port, his Excellency would have been entertained at a banquet at Government House. The members of the Macao Club are entertaining their friends at diffner on Easter Sunday and it was the intention of the committee to invite the British Admiral and his suite to honour the Club with their presence at the function,

THE CEEKWAN EXCURSIONS.

CHINESE ANCESTOR-WORSHIPPING, The annual pilgrimage of Chinese to Chekwan to visit the tombs of their ancestors, and

to do homage to their forefathers, commenced on. Thursday, and is continuing daily until Monday next, when the last excursion will be made. Up to and including to-day's departures. Thursday alternoon. The finalists were West it is estimated that something like 10,000 Chinese have made the pilgrimage, and it is anticipated that some 5,000 will avail themselves of the remaining two days' excursions,

Yesterday, Good Friday, being a public holiday, the opportunity was taken advanthey were leading by a single. On changing tage of by some 400 huropeans to make. piloting the leather home. The West Kents the pleasure of the outing. The early part of the day was fine and clear, and good weather was anticipated, but those anticipations, unfortunately for those concerned, were not realized, as about noon the weather thickened and heavy clouds loomed up, and ere long discharged their contents in drenching torrents, so that it turned out a very wet festival for the participants, the majority of the Europeans, no doubt, being sorry they went.

> RIFLING A BLUEJACKET'S FOCKETS.

Two Chinamen, who are unable to give a satisfactory account of themselves, were brought before Mr. F. A. Hazeland this morning, charged with rifling the puckets of an American bluejacket on Queen's Statue wharf on the 12th instant. Two independent witnesses said that at 11.45 p.m., on the cay in question, they saw lour Chinamen kneeling over the prostrate body of an American bluejacket and going through his pockets. When they saw that they had been discovered the cour men took to their heels. A chase ensued and two nien were arrested, one by a British warrant officer and the other by an Indian civilian. Inspector Warnock said that the defendants had been in the Colony for over a year and during that period were never known to have been employed. Mr. Hazeland adjourned the case for further inquiries to be made as regards the characters of the de--endants.

KAISER Singh, a watchman enployed at the Sikh Temple at Morrison Hill Gap, was charged with being in possession of a swordstick without the necessary permit from the police. Another Indian who had recently arrived from Shanghai 'gave information to the police, for Kaiser, in a quarrel with him in the temple, threatened to do something rash with the weapon. Mr. Hazeland imposed a fine \$15, and ordered that the stick be forfeited.

SHIPPING AND MAILS

Indian (Kutsang) 15th inst. French (Polynesien) 16th inst. American (Hongkong Maru) 18th inst. American (Korea) 22nd inst. Canadian (Tartar) 1st prox.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Palermo left Singapore for this port on 13th inst., at noon, The Great Northern s.s. Dakota left Shanghai for this port on 12th inst., at 11 a.m., and is expected here on 14th inst.

The N. Y. K. European Line s.s. Bingo Maru left Shanghai for this port on 13th inst. and is expected here on 16th inst.

The N. Y. K. Australian Line s.s. Yawala Maru left Manila for this port on 14th instand is expected here on 16th inst., a.m.

Reuter's.

The Hague Peace Conference. LONDON, 11th April.

The United States, supported by France, has asked Russia to postpone the Hague conference, to prevent it clashing with the Pan-American congress at Rio de Janeiro.

German Diplomatic Appointment. Baron von Goltz, now at the Peking Legation, has been appointed minister, to Columbia.

The Eruption of Vesuvius. Ottajano is smothered in ashes and the

population of 200 has perished. The volcano resumed activity last night

and is now showering sulphur and sand. Torre del Greco and Torre Annunziata are cut off from Naples. Several correspondents who were there were unable to léave.

The country for miles around Vesuvius presents pictures of a horrible grey desolation; no vestige of green remains and all the towns and villages are more or less buried some six feet under the ashes, recalling the disaster at Pompeii.

The estimates of the total death roll vary between 500 and 800.

The last accounts are not reassuring, and the whole region is under a dense pall.

Vesuvius is invisible, and frequent hurricanes of rain, mixed with stones and ashes occur.

GERMAN STAIRSMAN HERE. VISIT OF THE SECRETARY FOR * AGRICULTURE.

Baron von Sterneberg, ecretary of State for Agriculture in Germany, arrived in Hongkong on Thursday, accompanied by his suite. His Excellency is on a tour round the world, and it is stated that his sole object is health and pleasure. If anything meets his eye which in his opinion should be applied to the German colonies then, of courie, he will make a note of it. But the primary intention is to see the world and enjoy, life. Baron von Sterneberg is a well-known figure in the German Reichstag. His experience of parliamentary affairs dates back to the days when Prince Bismarck-the man of blood and non-was at the height of his glory, when he was at the zenith of his professional of the right sort to be imported, power, when he was not merely the man behind the throne but practically the throne itself. The Baron was on the best of terms with the fierce old fire-eater and held a post in his Government. For several years the Baron has been secretary of State for Agriculture, and al. though that is a post-which does not bring him into prominence in the outer world his ability highly appreciated in his . 'native land, and personally he is greatly esteem-Baron von Sterneberg is no longer a young man and his policy of travelling round the world in the commidious passenger steamers of to-day, in order to recoperate his health, might be followed with advantage by many who are content to paddle in the waters wash. ing the Riviera, being unaware, probably, of pleasures of a voyage to the "glorious Orient." His Excellency and suite proceeded to Canton i fast night and will return to Hongkong in time to catch the Manchuria by which they will proceed via Shanghai and Japan to America.

THE PREMISTORIUS AT *"SOČCER.*"

The weather clerk was entirely to blame for the sparse attendance that assembled on the Hongkong Pootball Club ground to witness the annual tootball match of the "Pichistorics." Jack Tar and Tommy Arkins were not lacking in their attendance and the matshed was packed. The humour of the prehistories was great, while the baker and the chimney-sweep created roars of laughter. The "Scotchman," the doctor, his two ambulance bearers, and the puliceman's doings during the progress of the "football match," and the remedy the doctor gave to winded players, were side-splitting. Of course, they won the "silver" shield and the "cup," which was inscribed for them before the match started. The presentation of these gifts by a lady visitor was very amusing, after which the puchistorics were ordered to "fall in" and, headed bylthe "band," marched home.

> PHE "EMPRESS" LINE. "I DIA" BRINGS SILVER, BRICKS TO

HONGKONG. The steamship Empress of India, belonging to the C.P.R. line, which arrived at Hongkong on Wednesday, brought a record cargo from Vanconver to the East. Part of her cargo was a shipment of silver bullion in bricks, from Trail, consigned to the Hongkong and Shanghai Crown Colony, another from United Japan, so Banking Corporation. There were 38 bricks in the consignment, and each brick was valued at about \$2,000. It is remarked in a Vanconver paper that the record cargo carried by by the Empress of India stands out in marked contrast to the cargo carried by the Abyssinia, the first vessel which travelled from Vancouver to the Far East. The Abyssinia's cargo on * that occasion, to quote our contemporary, "consisted of three bundles of shingles and a dead | horses if they came over. Chinaman. She lost for her operators \$800,000 that year. Next year there was great talk of the coming of the Chinese Exclusion Act, and the Abyssinia made up the \$800,000 lost and stood some to the good besides." It is stated that there is plenty more cargo waiting for Empress boats at Vancouver.

A CURIOUS scarf-pin worn by a Liverpool man found it in Peru while he was on an exploring tour in the land of the Incas with a party of ample funds, and ample membershid would scientists,

ALLEGED TROUBLE AT SHUN-TAK.

It is reported that a Chinese merchant, a native of Shun-tak, who arrived in the Colony yesterday from his home, has been spreading rumours that trouble is browing in that locality. He is stated to have said that an uprising in Shun-tak is expected during the 4th moon (May), and that it a certain person is not killed before that time there is little prospect of the present tension abating. About a fortnight ago some difference of opinion arose between two class in the district, and it terminated in the death of a well-known deter of the villager, despatched a letter to the derer, but no news has been received as towhether they were successful in their hunting expedition. The Shun-tak Magistrate, we are informed, is taking no notice of the present

THE COMING CRICKET SEASON.

The 'N. C. Darly News writes editorially: "Sumer is icumen in," sing an old poet, Already on our playing fields there is vernal promise of coming sport. Nature herself is laying a carpet for King Chicket and his devotces to frohe on. That the young man's fancy sometimes turns to other things than love is plain from the attention now being given to preparation for the outdoor games of the warmer weather in which cricket is easily monarch of all. Less than a month from now and bats and batls will once more be in daily requisition. The Senior Club has already held its annual meeting, at which we note there were various points of interest brought forward, notably the question of the engagement of a professional. The Chairman informed the meeting that, though at the moment, nothing definite had been settled respecting this very desirable addition to the Club's attractions, the matter had not been shelved. There can be no two opinions respecting the advantage I that would accrue to Shanghai cricket were a but it is of the first importance both for tie Club and for the man himself that he should be such a one as would b able to impart instruction and at the same time stand firmly against the temptations that would infallibly fall to his lot in such a place as this. In the first place, he should be inquestionably a total abstainer. Shanghai is a thirsty place in summer, and to a newconter, especially to one thrown into the companionship of so many young men under such drouthy conditions, the risk of going that easy road to perdition via the bar would be more than ordinarily great. Then something would have to be found for the new man to do during the winter. Endless suggestions could be made to meet this difficulty, and the Committee have doubtless before them various methods of meeting the requirements. There seems to be no reason why a professional should not divide

Ins time between the two main clubs. The Recreation Club is, if anything, in great er need of skilled direction than the S. C. C many of whose members are old public school. boys from home, where they had the advantage of trained superintendence from their early days. For the coming year, however, we hear there is promise of mousually good cricket on the junior ground. The Wallaces are still here, as ready as ever to defend a wicket or to take it. Turnbull, we hope, will be in his best form as one of the most useful allround "cricketers that Shanghai has known for a good round score of years; Guilloyle is expected to be, faster than ever, and Conelly no less tricky. When to these are added the wo Venches, the two Milners, Offerdessen, and a promising youngster or two, it will be. seen that the senior club may have its work cut out in the three te t matches which will all probability be arranged. There is therefore, promise of good cricket without going abroad for it. What the Eleven v. Twentytwo much on the S. C. C. ground will produce in the shape of new blood remains to be seen. The older of eyers are so well known that at is unnecessary to refer further to them. They have always had the double advantage over the S. R. C. of having more players to pick from and for the reason before mentioned, a somewhat better average of player.

But the hope of the season is that some one or more of the interport matches, which fell through last year may become certainties during 1906. If we were sure that frongkong States. would come here, we might accept the proposal of the northern club and send a team to Tientsin, or better still to Weihaiwer, to which Tientsin might come. There could then be the trian, ular series similar to those held at Hongkong. Later in the year an effort should be made to get, in addition to a visit from the that a similar series of matches might be played here at Shanghai. We should then have had a season brimful of interest. What Tientsin can do is quite unknown to us. Some old Shanghai-landers are there whose capacity is pretty accurately known, but amongst the army men there may be talent which would surprise us, and it is possible that Pekiog might be able to add a man or two. So little has been heard here of late years respecting the cricket strength

of Japan that they too would be equally dark It occurs to us that there is one matter in which the senior club might well take a leaf out of the book of the junior, and that is in catering for the many old stagers whose love of cricket has outlived their lissomness. For such the S. R. C. provides ample amusement in the shape of lawn bowls, a game as good in its way and far more ancient than cricket. Why should not the S. C. C. do the like? We are inclined to think that a good many of the "nonplaying" members would appreciate such a is a petrified human eye, set in a gold frame. | new departure, and an additional fillip would The present owner of this singular proament | doubtless accrue from the inter-club matches | which would be sure to follow. Amples pace, ensure success.

ENERGETIC VIUEROY SHUM. A POLICY OF IMPROVEMENTS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 13th April. Every little while Viceroy Shum is giving evidence of his progressiveness. He is evidently in earnest in the work he has undertaken. His litest departure is road building. I have frequently called attention to the activity shown in matters mi tary, it is well known that the Viceroy wants and intends to have an army which will better represent the importance of South China. He wants 24,000 foreign deilled troops and he villager. Since that time many attempts are intends to have them, any one going out from alleged to have been made to avenge the death | the East gate of the city will be impressed with in question. A few days ago, the alleged mur- the energy displayed in military affairs. Barracks liave been springing up everywhere, village of his rival and offered to pay 2,000 taels | The most important centre seems to be at. Yin as compensation for the death of their man, pro- | Lung about five miles from the East gate. Here vided no further attempts were made on his | barracks have been built capable of accommoown life. The opposing party emphatically | dating from six to ten thousand men. At the foot refused to receive any "blood money," Just | of Lean Dog mountain there is a level piece of before the departure of the Shun-tak merchant, ground suitable for a parade ground and, for this port, a party was appointed to take | daily drill is carried on. The raw material summary measures against the supposed mur- 115 worked into shape. There is also a good range for rifle practice, and the men are being raught to shoot. The road connecting these barracks with the city, while good as roads in China go, is narrow. The Viceroy has determined to have a road suitable for the requirements of his new and growing army. He has issued orders for a wide modern road to be sco structed. The survey has been made, and the line istaked out and work will be begun immediately. The road will be between fiteen and twenty feet wide and about five miles long. I know of no other road about Canton. Narrow winding foot paths everywhere but there is nothing that should be dignified by the name of road. It is to be hoped that this is but the first of many good roads soon to be built around Canton.

"SINGAPORE SCHEMES.

Recently we wrote under the caption "Singapore Schemes," a criticism of the proposal to improve the harbour of that port at a cost of something like one and a quarter imilion pounds sterling. In quoting that educated, the fessor Support of King's College, London, Eastern Daily Matl says :- "Under the above and the Hon. Mr. F. A. Cooper, our Director heading, the Hongkong Telegraph' expresses, of Public Works, were to be the members of in a conservative way, the opinion which pre- the Commission. No confirmation of this invails among a majority of the business men of this Colony in regard to our proposed harbour works and other ambitious schemes. The answer of Government to the argument of the the work. Telegrafilis leader writer would doubless be that Hongkoog naturally objects to the imwhich is now proposed, but this reply would most certainly fail to account for the hearty of Singapore." It is satisfactory to learn that the welfare of that port.

TINFORTUNATE AMERICANS.

NOTHER MAGNATE IN A JAPANESE FRACAS

American magnates visiting this country, says the Kahe Herald, appear to be rather unfortunate in their experiences of Japanese clowds. Like Mr. E. H. Harriman, who was unintentionally hustled at Tokio at the time of the i disturbances in the capital last September, Mi Schiff, the well known New York banker, who is at present in this country, has been coming every year it is postponed; and, as the Colony, into purely accidental contact with a Japanese mobilin ngry mood. It appears that Mr. Schiff was proceeding from Kozu to Miyanoshita by the electric tramway on the 3rd inst when the car was attacked by a number of villagers from Sayno who were carrying a The Legislature. portable shrine. The Tramway Company, it is, explained, had been in the habit of making an annual contribution toward the celebration of the village festival, which falls on April 3, but this year the gift had been discontinued. good deal of local indignation had been caused by this circumstance, and a number of police were drafted to the vicinity from the Odawara Police Station in anticipation of histilities. Fortunately, the police were able to prevent any damage being inflicted on the car in which Mr. Schiff was travelling, but two of the policemen were severely injured in the struggle. It may be hoped that the American papers will not magnify this incident into another evidence of Japanese hostility to the people of the United

AN ABSURD STORY.

THE AMERICAN MINISTER'S WIFE IN POLITICS.

The Mainichi's correspondent at the Chinese capital sends a report, which requires to be received with a good many grains of salt, concerning an incident which is alleged to have happened at an entertainment given by the Empress Dowager to the wives of the foreign representatives at Peking, a few days ago. According to the correspondent's story, Mrs. Rockhill, the wife of the American Minister, in the course of conversation with Her Majesty. was bold enough to suggest to the Empress that she would be wise to hand over the reins of Government to the Emperor and devote herself to the care of her health and the enjoyment of her declining years. It is said that the Empress took the hint in good part, but replied that, owing to the unsatisfactory state of the Emperor's health, she feared that some time would have to elapse before she could enjoy the repose recommended by Mrs. Rockbill. The Maintchi, in commenting on its correspondent's message, remarks that it is

BOXER RISING IN HUNAN. THREATS TO EXTERMINATE FOREIGNERS

[From Our Correspondent.]

Canton, 13th April.

Native papers report that a few days ago a large body of Boxers, numbering fully 7,000, gathered at a place called Sai-ping in Hunan hoisting a banner on which were inscribed the characters "Free China and exterminate the foreigner." Viceroy Chang Chih-tung of the Liang Hu provinces at once despatched a body

of troops comprising 2, oo infantry, 500 cavalryand two batteries of artillery by the Lu-Han railway to the scene, and soon dispersed the THEATRE BLOWN DOWN. The day before yesterday there was a heavy thunderstorm in the Sanui district and during

i violent squall a theatre was blown down and

small fort was damaged. HONGKONG SPORTSMEN DISAPPOINTED. Football and hockey teams arrived from Hongkong this morning to play off the return matches against Canton, but the rainy weather will probably prevent the games from being

> SINGAPORE AND 118 SANITATION.

MR. E. A. COOPER, C.M.G., NAMED AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION.

The following from a Colombo paper, would appear to be the result of some inquiries made of Dr. Middleton, when he passed through on leave homeward the other day :-

The death-rate of Singapore is rising, and the Governor, Sir John Anderson, has been keenly interested in seeking for a remedy. The deathrate reaches 42 per 1,000; but it is admitted the census figures are defective, so that the exact percentage is unknown.

It was at first proposed to appoint a Committee, and then a Commission; and finally it, was decided to have a Commission o outside experts. For different reasons is was found that the Medical Officers of Hombay and Calcutta were not available, but in Singapore a few days ago it was stated, on what seemed reliable authority, that Proformation is yet to hand, and the rumour has not appeared in the Singapore papers; but the gentlemen named would be excellent men for

Mr. W. J. R. Simpson has been Professor of &c. Hygiene in King's College since 1893, and is mense development of the portrof Singapore | editor of the Journal of Tropical Medicine and lecturer at the School of Tropical Medicine. He was Medical Officer of Calcutta from 1886 endorsement which the views expressed in the 1 to 1897; Member of the Government Commisleader, which we quote herewith in extenso, sion to inquire in o dysentery and enteric in will meet among the responsible business men | South Africa in 1901; and Government Commissioner to inquire into the causes and conour views are substantially endorsed by the linuance of plague in Hongkong in 1902. Mr. business community of Singapore and the tu | Cooper has had valuable experience in Hongqueque of the Government of that Colony may kong and in Colombo'; and probably is already he disregarded by those who are interested in acquainted with Professor Simpson. No confirmation is obtainable, however, as Mr. Cooper is away on tour.

The drainage of Singapore is, suiface drainage, and the city is very flat, so that improvments would be costly. The expense may be further increased by proposals to Hausmannize the city, and to separate the large number of small houses that are built back to back. Much of the property is held on lease from the Government for 199 years, and, as about two-thirds of the nertod has in some cases expired it may be possible to reduce the cost of acquiring land by giving the occupiers statutory grants for the portions of their properties not required for this public improvement. The reform of the sanitation of the city will become more costly the city, and the port are flourishing, there can be no time so fitting as the present for coping with a growing problem. Should the proposed Commission recommend a definite scheme. however expensive, the Governor and h advisers will have a strong case to lay before

It is reassuring for Colombo to know that although concealed cases of plague are discover ed nearly every month, the scourge of Indiaand Hongkong has never broken out in epidemic form in Singapore. Dr. Middleton, who has been the Medic I Officer of the Municipal ity for over a decade, believes that plague not a rublic menace within about eight degrees of the equator on either side—a distance that places Ceylon in the safe area. We trus nothing will ever occur to upset this belief.

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RESOLUTION. That the firm of Messes. E. S. KADOORIE & Co. be appointed GENERAL MANA-GERS of the Company in the place of Messis. Benjamin, Kelly & Potts and that Article 56 of the Company's Articles of Association be altered by substituting the words "E. S. KADOORIE & Co.," for the words " Benjamin, Kelly & Potts." J. F. WRIGHT,

Secretary. Hongkong, 14th April, 1906.

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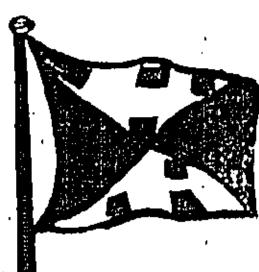
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Consignees.

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 21st instant, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chased, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th instant, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & Co., LIMITED, Agents. Hongkong, 12th April, 1906.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN. IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES, THE Steamship

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THIS MORNING. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th instant, will be

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, 18th instant, at All Claims must reach us before the 23rd

instant, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. MELCHERS & Co., Hongkong, 12th April, 1906

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THE Steamship

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be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon

TO-MORROW. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th instant, will be subject to rent. All broken; chafed, and damaged Goods are

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, 17th instant, at 9.30 A.M. All Claims must reach us before the 23rd instant, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1906

MELCHERS & Co.,

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, LONDON AND STRAITS. THE Steamship

"FLINTSHIRE," Captain G. C. Cundy, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon and stored at Consignees'

risk and expense.

have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th instant will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on the 17th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Hougkong, toth April, 1906.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

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From Persian Gulf, ex B.I.S.N. and B. & P B. N. Co.'s Steamers. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before ó hóurs. Goods not cleared by the 12th instant, at

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in

any case whatever. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date

they cannot be recognised. - -No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent. Höngkong, 6th April, 1006.

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VICTURIA SCHOOL.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

On the occasion of the distribution of prizes on Thursday, the headmaster (Mr. W. H. Williams) read his report as follows.

By Government Notification, No 74, of the 3rd Feb., 1905, the Victoria School was opened on Monday, the 20th March, 1905, for children of European parents, both boys and girls, with this restriction, that girls over 12 years of age are not admitted or allowed to remain at the school.

Classification.—The school is divided into an infant, a lower, and an upper school. Pupils are transferred to the upper school on attaining the standard of knowledge equivalent to the fifth standard of a public elementary school in England.

CURRICULUM UPPER SCHOOL. The course of instruction provides for a thorough modern and general education and includes: mathematics, physical and commercial geography, constitutional history, English grammar, composition and literature, hygiene, free arm and freehand drawing, object lessons, *applied mechanics, *geometrical drawing and * Pitman's shorthand.

Boys only. LOWER SCHOOL.

Reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, grammar, wordbuilding, composition, drawing, clay modelling, object lessons, singing, sewing, and kindergarten studies.

singing, drawing, sewing and kindergarten. is given to biblical instruction.

Attendance. - During the last week in March, 1905, 17 pupils were admitted, in July, there were 33, in December et and the last admission number was 60. Five pupils have left the school, i to take employment, 2 to return to England and 2 to go to other schools. While the average attendance has thus trebled itself in twelve months, I am pleased to report that the pupils themselves have attended school regularly and total possible number of attendances; when parents thus send their children to school regularly greater justice is done to the children, to their teachers, and to the school. SPECIAL SUBJECTS.

Hygiene.—A beginning in this subject was unavoidably delayed till November; pupils of the Upper School took the Government examination in the advanced stage the results of which were not satisfactory, but in justice to the pupils who presented themselves for this examination it should be pointed out-(a) that they were imperfectly prepared, having received 6 weeks' tuition only; (b) that the average age of the pupils was only 12 and not having received any preliminary instruction they were not mentally fit for the study of the advanced course; (c) they were entered under pressure from the Inspector of Schools who on learning that there were not enough pupils to form i team for the competition in the elementary course requested me to send them in for th advanced churse rather than that a Government school should be altegether unpresented at the examination. We may, however, look forward to better results next December as the subject is now regularly and systematically thught, and I have added the elementary principles of physiology and "First Aid" to the syllabus as these branches of hygiene appeal to English children.

Religious Instruction :- As the year ending Dec. 31, 1905, included seven working months only I did not recommend the holding of an independent examination in religious knowledge for 1905 for the reasons that all the pupils were re-classified at midsummer and 18 new pupils were admitted during the autumn term. An examination would thus serve no useful purpose, as the syllabus of instruction had to be modified and more than half the pupils had not received six months' instruction.

League of the Empire: - Last year being the Nelson Centenary the upper school pupil received a special course of lessons upon the growth of the Empire during the 18th and 19th centuries. On Victoria Day, May 24th, the children assembled at school and an address was given by my reviewing the chief events during the reign of Queen Victoria, after which the National Anthem was sung, and a holiday granted for the rest of the day. During the Xmas holidays the upper school pupils contributed essays for the 'Lord Meath Empire Day Essay Competition, 1906's five of the Essays were authorized by the Inspector of Chinese. For Kobe-Mr. and Mrs. Miller. Schools for despatch to the Federal Council. The results of this competition are expected shortly. It has been arranged to celebrate Victoria Day this year by carrying out Lord Meath's suggested programme for Empire Day and His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to preside at a joint celebration by the scholars of the Kowl ion and Victoria Schools at the Victoria School.

ATHLETICS. In response to a letter which I sent to parents in April last, subscriptions were sent to the "School Sports Fund" to cover the expenses for the supply of pinterials for cricket, football, and other gam'r. The boys take a keen interest in their dames :- I am pleased to say that they have competed in the Hongkong Schools Football League, at least one match a week has been played and several fixtures in both cricket and football have been arranged for this year. I attach much importance to organized school games and all boys are compelled to take part in some sports unless parents for a valid reason expressly desire otherwise.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTION.

. The infant and the lower schools were inspected in November and the upper school in December by the Inspector of Schools, and his report is as follows:

DISCIPLINE AND ORGANIZATION. 'The discipline is very good considering the short time the school has been in existence. Germania, Ger. s.s., 1,000, H. Flaigel, 8th The organisation of the infant and lower schools is quite satisfactory. In the upper school it is quite imp stible to express a de- Hanoi, Fr. s.s., 739, P. Meerles, 8th Mar,finite opinion, as the putils have come into the school at intervals during the few months that the sthool has been open; and it cannot be said with any certainty how for their attainments and weak points, are attributable to their former education. I have therefore not attempted to criticise the work done by them at examination in any detail, but I can say that the pupils are backward in writing and Manchuria, Am. s.s., 8,750, J. W. Saunders, arithmetic, and that their deficiencies will require much attention. The elaborate course of atudy outlined in the "eport of the Headmaster must be taken to some extent as an ideal to be Merapi, Dut. s.s., 1,557, E. Uldall, 10th April, pursued, not necessarily in the immediate

future. Sanitation, -- Very satisfactory. Apparatus. --Very satisfactory, Infant and Lower Schools Reading very good progress made. Writing great pains are being taken with handwriting, Geography very well taught. Arithmetic very good. Drawing very well taught; Kindergarten | Numantia, Ger. s.s., 2,807, H. Feldtmann, 8th good. Singing not very much has been accomplished, hitherto,

in the Lower School indicated by the Inspector

have been obtained from England and singing is now taught by note on the tonic sol-fa method. This being the first year of the school continuity of instruction has been difficult. With 'a view to starting a fresh year's work to be completed by the end of this year I have during the past two weeks made a thorough examination of the school. In the Infant and Lower School in charge of Mrr. Wilkinson and Mrs. Morris, there is evidence of very satisfactory progress, so that each class will now be promoted to the one higher. With regard to the Upper School I regret to report that the results are not so satisfactory. 'Considering that the average age of the pupils is 12% years, I exect a much higher standard of proficiency in mathematics and English than is shown by the examination results. The standard of attainment in any subject does not justify any special reward for proficiency and I have not recommended to the Government the granting of any prizes to the Upper School. I have now very great pleasure in calling the Inspector of Schools to present the prizes to the pupils of

(Applause.) The prizes were then distributed.

Shipping.

Binh Thuan, Fr. s.s., 999, Ribault, 11th April, -Saigon 7th April, Rice.-B. & Co. Apenrade, Ger. s.s., 611, Gautard, 12th April, -Pakhoi oth April, and Hoihow 11th,

Gen.—J. & Co. Infant school: reading, writing, arithmetic, | Bourbon, Fr. s.s., 997. Le Bail, 12th April,-Spigon 8th April, Gen.-Man Fat.

In all classes the first half hour each morning Waihora, Br. s.s., 1,267, W. Brown, 12th April, -Singapore 6th April, Gen,-Chinese. Taifu, Ger s.s., 1,065, C. Urberfeldt, 12th April, -Swatow rith April, Ballast.-E. A. T

> Kweichow, Br. s.s., 1,217. Metheral, 12th April -Chefon o'h April, Gen.-B. & S. Hong Wan I, Br. s.s., 2,060, J. L. Slaker, 13th April,-Penang 4th April, and Singapore

7th; Gen.-Joo Teck Seng. in the aggregate have put in over 90°/, of the Chivnen, Ch. s.s., 1,170, C. Stewart, 13th April, -Shanghai toth April, Gen.-C. M. S. N.

> Dortmund, Ger. s.s., 5065, A. Wagner, 13th April, - Singapore 7th April, Gen. - H. A. Meefon, Ch. ss. 1,339, A. Crawford, 13th April,-Canton 12th April, Gen.-C. M

> > Dopartures. April 13.

Vaimun, for Swatow, Li Fong, for Shanghai. Aker, for Yokohama. Terrice, for Iloilo. Shimoto, for Singapore.

Rubl, for Manila. Tilliwing, for Shanghai. Dalgi Maru, for Swatow. . *Petchaburi*, for Amov. Meetoe, for Shanghai.

Passengers arrived. Per Fourbon, from Saigon-233 Chinese. Per Walhora, from Singapore-200 Chinese Per Hong Wan I, from Singapore-1,068 Chinese.

Per Taifu, from Switow—Messrs, M. Filler. S. I Bier, W. Franhwein and H. Preuss.

Passengers departed. --

Per Sachsen, for Shanghai-Mr. and Mrs. Serno, Vr./and Mrs. Proce. Mr. and Mrs. Hassab, Mrs. Jacquin, Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mis. O Brooms, Messrs, R. Law, A. Pleiweiss, A. Haupt, A. P. Welsh, Bland, C. A. Roza, K. Osato, G. do Cruz, F. da Cruz, G. Bria, Creloni, Tarro, Miss Rigby, Mrs. Moto. liss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Pappier, Mr-and Mrs. Femedios and a children For Nagasaki Patroclus, Tencer. 20th March-Reiseaula, -Sir Fred, Fison, Mrs. N. Coma, Messrs, Katt, Jamieson, Marston, Mr. and Mrs. , Yhshinka. and Mrs. Kavy For Kobe—Messrs, Gunnel Takamichi, Kau Poo Fun, Takanabe, Makamuro, Gundee, Misses Gundry (2), Mr. Chang. and Miss Wong. For Yokohama—Mr. and Mr. Mo s, Mrs. Suier, Messre, C. Ceiesa, B. drasamha, Ooback, Sithonia, Manica. 30th Lundberg, and Mrs. Schuttleworth.

Per Prinz Sigismund, for Yokohama-Mrs. Wilder, Miss Barnes, Mersus, F. Rietmann Richemann S. W. Cartwright McOnaide Gubbins, Th. Leonard, Capt, Bailey, and

Vessels in Port.

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Alabama, Br. 8 s., 1/241, A. 7, Ellis, 11th April -Karatsu 5 h April, Coal.-D. & Co., Ld. Arratoon Appar, Br. s.s., 2,931, E. Fey, 9th April -Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 4th April: Gen.-D. S. & Co., Ld.

Borneo, Ger. s.s., 1,344. F. Sembill, 4th April, -Candakan 20th Mar., Timber and Gen -11 & Co.

Brand, Nor. s.s., 1,520, M. Evensen, and April. -Canton 1st April, Gen.-Kwong Mar Chingtu, Br. 5.4., 1,419, I. McD. Howie, 20th Mar.,-Melbourne via Ports 11th Feb.,

Gen. and Mostly Flour.-B. & S.

Clara Jebsen, Ger. s.s., 1,104, J. Iwersen, 9th ·April,-Probolingo (Java) 28th Mar., Sugar —ĭ. & Co.

Den of Mains, Br. s.s., 2,974, P. Singer, 7th April,-Shanghai 4th April, Gen.-N. Y.

Empress of India, Br. s.s., 3,032, E. Beetham, R.N.R., 12th April,-Vancouver, (B.C.)

26th Mar., and Shanghai 9th April, Mails and Gen.—C. P. R. Co. Frithiof, Nor. s.s., 891. H. A. Haraldsen, 8th April,-Iloilo 4th April, Sugar.-S., W. &

April,—Sydney 22nd Feb., Copra.—S. &

Manila 4th Mar., Ballast.-A. R. M.

frie, Am, transport, 2,200, Whitton, 27th Feb., -Manila 22nd Feb., Coal.-Government. Jules Terry, Fr. s.s., 300, Sap, 30th Mar.,-Haiphong 27th Mar., Ballast .- M. & Co.

Loyal, Ger. s.s., 1,756, F. Natzins, 10th April,— Bangkok and April, Rice.—S., W. & Co. 6th April,-San Francisco 8th Mar., and Shanghai 4th Mar., Mails and Gon .- P. M. S. S. Co.

April,—Singapore 3rd April, Sugar.—D. & Mercedes, Br. transport, 2,000, J. S. McGregor, 6th Feb.,—from Pulo Condore Island.

Murie, Br. s.s., 1,186, T. Petersen, 11th April, -Bangkok 5th April, Rica.-J. & Co. April,-Portland, Or. 6th Mar., Gen.-P. &.

A. S. S. Co. Since this report was made the weaker points | Onsang, Br. s.s., 1,787, D. Christie, 6th April,-Calcutta 222d Mar, Cont.-J., M. & Co.

have been attended to Kindergarten materials | Powhatan, Br. s.s., 2,000, W. F. Turner, 6th April,-Moji 31st Mar., Coal.-D. & Co.,

> Progress, Ger. s.s., 687, H. Pahren, 8th April, -Chefoo and April; Gen,-S. & Co. Rajah, Ger. s.s., 2.028, C. Wulff, 10th April,— —Bangkok 3rd April, Teakwood and Rice. -V. & Co.

Sabine Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 500, Nasbit, 18th April,-Singapore and Tamsui 9th April, Ballast.—A., K. & Co.

Shah Allum, Br. n.s., r.018, A. Geddie, 11th April,-Moji 6th April, Coal and Gen.-A. M. Essabhoy.

Signal, Ger. s.s., 907. Schlaikler, 11th April,-Bangkok 4th April, Gen.-J. & Co. Sikh, Br. s.s., 2,216, W. Atkinson, 12th April,-Singapore 6th April, Gen.-D. & Co., Lo Singora, Ger. s.s., 1,754. P. Hermeling, and

April,-Banckok 25th Mar., Gen.-B. & S. Suisang, Br. s.s., 1,600, T. A. Mitchell, 16th Mar. - Calcutta 27th Mar., Coal. - J., M. &

Telemachus, Br. s.s., 1,350, J. Williamson, 19th the lower school who have really merited them April,-Saigon 5th April, Rice,-Chinese. Victoria, Swed. s.s., QSR, J. A. Hellberg, #11 April, - Saigon 6th April, Rice and Gen. -S., W. & Co. Yang Moo, Korean s.s., 3,450, N. Wakaisu,

rith April,-Moli ist April, Coul,-M. B. Vuensang, Br. s.s., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 7th April,-Manila 4th April, Gen.-1, M. &

Steamers Expected. From Agents Vessels . Kutsang,...... |Singapore .| I., M. & Co|April 15 Polynesien ... Saigon ... M. M. April 16 Henalder Singapore G., 1. & Co April 16 Bingo Maru ... Japan N. Y. K April 16 Shanghai... N. Y. K April 17 Kumano Maru Moji....... N. V. K.... April 1 History Maru. Japan T. K. K. ... April 1 Palerma Singapore . P. & O. Co April 19 Korea ... Japan P. M. Co... April 22 Tartar Vancouver C. P. R. Co May

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Ships Passed The Canal.

and March-Benvenue, C. Ferd Laciss, Hudson, Stentor, Barra, Malacca. 6th March-Caledonien, Flintshire, Indrapura, Aker, Li fong, Prinz Eitel, Friedrich, 9th March-Calchos, Ernest Simons, Preussen, Pathan, Rhenania. 13th March - Alesia, Trieste, Sikh, Bechuena, Devanha, Indian Monarch. Iyo Mary, 17th March-Japan, Moyune, Salasie, Arcadia, Benalder, Sachsen, Anna, Amiral Avenans, Engineer, Andakoff, Sleipner, 24th March-Dardanus, Hector, Palerma, Zieten, Ping Suey, Polynesien, St. Reide. 27th March -Antenor, Benarty, Chins, Indramayo, In-March-Jason, Kovang-St. Sumatra, Tourane, Spesia. 3rd April-Benmohr, Laos, Palawan, Print Heinrich, St. Bede. 7th April-Nippon, Caledonien, Deucalion, Gaekwar, Prinness Alice. 11th April-Andaluela, Nubia, Same

bla, St. George Arrivalsat Home-2nd March-Nubla. 6th March-Pak Ling, 8th March-Palma, 9th March-Ajax, Glenturret, Room, Indrant. 13th March-Ambria, Caledonien, Hudson. 14th March-Malacca. 17th March-Hellas, Stentor. 20th March-Preusien, Salarie. 24th March -Alholl. 27th March--Iyo Maru, Rhenania, Rarnett, H. J. C. 30th March-Alesto, China, Potrocius, 2nd April-Japan. 3rd April-Bechuana, Antenor, Brisgavia, Indrapura, Zielen, 7th April-Pathan, Tourane. 11th April-Kouang St Oopack, Ping Suey, Benarty.

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A Mail will close for :-

Macao-Per Heungskan, 15th April, 1.15 P.M. Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland, Or .-Per Numantia, 16th April, 11 A.M. MacBo-Per Heungskan, 16th April, 1.15 P.M. Kudat and Sandakan-Per Borneo, 17th

April, 8 A.M. Bangkok-Per Rajah, 17th April, 9 A.M. Bangkok-Per Singora, 17th April, 19 A.M.

Macao, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco-Per Manchuria, 17th April, 10 A.M. Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin-Per

Armand Bahle, 17th April, II ...M. Tientsin and Weihalwei-Per Halchow, 17th April, 3 P.M. Manila-Per Taming, 17th April, 3 P.M.

Shanghai-Per Kluklang, 17th April, 3 P.M. Singapore, Penang and Colombo - Per Bingo Maru, 17th April, 5 P.M. Singapore, Penang' and Calcutta - Per

Catherine Apcar, 18th April, 10 A.M. Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama - Per Yawata Maru, 18th April, 10 A.M. Singapore, Penang and Calcutta - Per Ontang, 18th April, 10 A.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vanconver, B.C.—Per Ampress of India, 18th April, 18 A.M.

Shanghai-Per Choysang, 18th April, 3 P.M. Chefoo-Per Keinchow, 18th April, 5 P.M. Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth-Per Chingin, 20th April, 8 P.M.

Manila, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbans, Sydney, Hobart, Launces ston, New Zealand, Melhourne, Adelaide and Porth-Per Kumano Muru, 20th April, 3 P.M. Manila-Per Loongsang, 20th April, 3 P.M. Chinkiang-Per Ning, 20th April, 3 P.M. Shanghai-Per Shanel, 20th April, 3 P M. Manila -- Per Zaffro, 21st April, 10 A.M.

Europe, &c., Indn. via Tuticorin-Per Arcadia, 21st April, T A.M. Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Seattle, Wash.—Per Dakota, 23rd April, 11 A.M. Europe, &c., India, vila Tuticavin - Pe Prinz Ritel Friedrich, 25th April, 11 A.M. Manila, Port Darwin, Thursday Island,

Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth-Per Empire. 28th April, 11 a.m. Manila, Simpsonhafen, Fr. Wilhelmshafen, Herbertshoße, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobert, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne Adelaide and Parth-Per Prins Sigismund, Briggs, H.

TEL MRY, 10 A.M. Humps, &c., India, via Tuticorin - Pe-Ernest Simons, 1st May, 11 A.M. Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C .- Per Monteagle. and May, II A.M.

Burope, &c., India, via. Tuticorin-Per-Polynesien, 15th May, 11 A.M.

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A Pillar Box has been placed at Pokfulam Police Station. It will be cleared daily at There will be a delivery of letters at Pokfu-

lam leaving the G. P. O. daily at 10.30 a.m. The following may now be obtained at the

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Kumchuk, Samshul, Wuchow and Canton every evening at 5 p.m. On Sundays the mails will be closed at 9 a.m. No mail will be closed for Canton on Satur

day evening.

TO-MORROW.

St. Peter's Seamen's Church. Queen's Road, West, Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Easter Sunday.

Morning Prayer II a.m., Easter Authem, Humphreys; Te Deum, Jackson; Benedictus, Authem; "Whoare theso?" Hymns, 133, 135 and 223. Kyrie Abba.

Holy Communion 12.15 p.m. Evening Prayer, 6.30 p.m., Magnificat, Crotch: Nunc Dimittis, Tucker: Hymns, 132, 137, 138 and 141. The Church launch Dayspring will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends

ashore to the services between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m., (Kowloon, Police Pier, 10.30 and 6 p.m.): returning afterwards. The Answering Pennant is the Call flag. All the sittings are free and unappropriat-Visitors welcome. Books, &c. provided Sunday school to to 10.45 a.m.

Meeting at Seamen's Institute 72, Praya East on Sunday at 8 p.m. Roman Catholic Cathodral: - Mass at 6 a.m. 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 9.30 a.m. Benediction,

German Bethesda Chapel, West Point :-Morning Service, 11 a.m. .. Francis' Church, Wanchai :- Mass (Chin.), 6 a.m., (Port.), 7.30 a.m. Benediction, Fairchild, H. J.

Service (English), 9 a.m. St., Anthony's Chapel, West Point:-Mass. Union Church :- Services, it a.m., and 6 p.m. VISITORS AT THE HOTELS.

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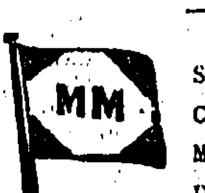
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Passage tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports. Cargo also booked for principal places in

Next sailings will be as follows :-S.S. ERNEST SIMONS...... 1st May. S.S. POLYNESIEN15th May. S.S. CALEDONIEN29th May. S.S. SALAZIE12th June. S.S. TOURANE26th June. G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

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Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. Arabia, due in London on the 3rd June, 1906.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required. For further Particulars, apply to

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Shawmut	9,606	E. V. Roberts	28th April
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AND TACOMA	MARINE INSURANCES.	10,000	\$250	\$ 50	{ \$1.600,000} \$147,895}	\$211,540	\$20 for 1904	5 ₹	S350 buyers
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V. Roberts 28th April W. Garlick	North China Insurance Company, 1 mited	10,000	£15'	£s	{ \(\frac{100,000}{\text{Tls.} \(\frac{50,000}{\text{50,000}} \) }	Tis. 302,053	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1904	51 %	Tls. 90
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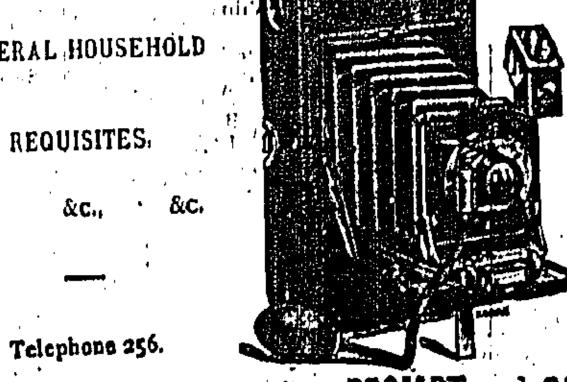
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MARRIAGES.

On the 4th April, at Shanghai, HUGH KIRK-HOPE, Tientsin, to AGNES MOFFAT, second daughter of Thomas Hoggarth, Bath, England. On the 4th April, at Shanghai, ARCHIBALD PAIN NAZER, eldest son of the late John Stewart Nazer, Shanghai, to ALICE MARY only daughter of the late Alex MacGallum and Mrs. MacCallum, of Shanghai.

DEATHS On the 31st March, at Vladivostok (of heart disease), M. TEIFFENBERG, of Shanghai, aged ς8 years. On the 2nd of April, at Shanghai, HENRY

On the 4th April, at Shanghai, WILLIAM BELL, aged 49 years.

LEWIS, Yangtsze pilot, native of U.S.A., aged

On the 4th April, at Fobe, whilst on his homeward voyage, J. H. SMYTH, Second Assistant, I. M. Customs Service.

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MORE PIRACY.

(7th April.) Repeatedly we have called attention to suppression of piracy on the coast of China. day another instance in which a well-known from Canton by water and thirty-five miles as the crow flies. The robbery showed that there had been skill and conception in its planning and execution, and the probability is that these people were in league with the numerous bands of pirates which infest the delta of the Canton river. Dr. C. R. Hager, head of the American Board Mission in Hongkong, was the victim, and, as he states, had it not been that no resistance was shown by those in the vicinity the result would in all likelihood have been serious for the

years ago, when a foreign member of the of water and to act as silt-depositing Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs was basins. This idea, Capt. Tyler states in the victim. The pirates began by firing at his report, has been condemned by Mr. de the passengers, then boarded the boats and Rijke, on account of the vast expense, the removed whatever they could find in the temporary character of the remedy, and the way of valuables. In the present case it is | danger. A prevalent Chinese idea—one a noteworthy fact that the pirates in their | shared, he believes, by some Europeans-is search for goods were particularly anxious that the remedy can be obtained by clearing to discover the presence of banknotes the mouth of the river—that it is the acamongst the passengers. Had these men cumulation of detritus there that restricts been raw recruits, or merely the native the flow of the water and, consequently, the marauders that range along the boun- bringing down of silt. The condition of the daries of their limited territory, it would be mouth of the river, however, cannot properly value of paper currency, and therefore since affairs higher up: it is merely the result of the band which attacked Dr. Hager appear- that state. Doubtless dredging operations ed to know the value of this easily conver- on a very large scale would have a good tible form of money, it may be surmised effect for a limited distance up; but even that they were old hands at the game, and for this they would have to be continuous. sary gear. It is satisfactory to know that in has in his mind is as follows: this case the U.S. Consul-General has taken and to take in hand themselves the repres-Canton rivers a source of the utmost inse- them to the owners of expropriated lands. curity and danger at the present time. It of China and especially of the Kwang pro- lands and the relatively high; select a "low" made in the method of controlling the water. Natives. way between Canton and the ports in the West and North Rivers, if life is to be protected and trade facilitated.

> "CHINA'S SORROW!" (9th April.)

The Hwangho, or Yellow River, has well

been named "China's Sorrow," and the

suffering and loss it has occasioned are incalculable. The time must come-sooner, it is hoped, than later-when the problem of this river will be seriously investigated. Such is the concluding statement by Capt. and its navigational possibilities. The result of Capt. Tyler's exhaustive investigations is now published in the form of a Yellow Book Customs' valuable publications and for a copy of which we are indebted to the local Commissioner of Customs. The report describes the condition of this important waterway, the immediate measures of protection which should be taken within the limits of ordinary expenditure; the measures which can be undertaken by an extraordinary expenditure, and other necessary works. Under the last section Capt. Tyler says: the country is correspondingly decreased."

one recorded in these columns about three | the mountain districts to regulate the flow understood that they would not realize the | be looked upon as the cause of the state of would not burden themselves with unneces- Capt. Tyler's conjectural scheme which he

I. By training-works, which would possibly the matter in hand, but this is only the in part include low dikes which would be culminating instance of a series of depreda- | flooded at high river, get the low-river chantions which we have reported. Energetic as | nel under control, and gradually bring, it to the present American representative in the section which was best suited to the dis-Canton may be, we submit that the time | charge of silt; lead this channel in long | has arrived when compensation from curves about midway between the present the Chinese Government is not all flood dikes-modifying these latter, however, be demanded. In their where they were too close; encourage the own interest the Powers are bound deposition of silt in the immediate neighto intervehe to claim adequate protection | hourhood of the flood dikes by the growth for the vessels and persons of their countries, | of willow scrub; where the flood channel is unnecessarily wide and the flood plain suffision of such crimes as make the delta of the | ciently high, embank portions, and devote

II. By a survey of the river, and its neighwould appear that the Provincial authorities | bourhood ascertain the position of the low vinces are incapable of maintaining order of suitable size, say, 50 by 20 miles, as far and good government, and therefore it up the river as possible and bordered as behoves the Powers to exercise that au- much as possible by a "high;" embank this thority which will be a guarantee for the area and expropriate the land; into this area traders of their untionality, and at the train the low-river channel, and from it again same time rid China of the pests who lead the waters into the existing lead; as wax fat on the incapacity of their own Go- soon as possible reclaim the deserted river vernment. At all events there is no denying | bed, fertilising it by suitable floodings, and the fact that some radical change must be appropriate it to the use of expropriated

To summarise his considerations,-Capt Tyler says). "The Hwangho in its present condition incurs an annual expense and loss which has been roughly estimated at 5 million taels, and, in addition, there is the annual expenditure of life and suffering. But what about the conditions and risks of the future? Will these be the same as in past? It is known for certain that the conditions are getting worse and that the dangers of the immediate future are incomparably greater than those of the past; so great are these dangers, so certain, indeed, under present methods is W. F. Tyler, Coast Inspector, in his "Notes | disaster, that the sum that could properly be on the Hwangho, or Yellow River, including | spent to insure against them would be very extracts from a report on the condition of the | great. But it is quite possible that these south bank immediately below Lo-k'ou." | can be insured against by a sum which is no In the early part of 1903 Capt. Tyler was in- greater than that which is now annually structed by the Inspector General of Cus- | spent-i.e., the sum of 31 millions a year toms to proceed to Shantung and render | properly handled, might well suffice for the some advisory services to His Excellency purpose. Even, however, if twice as much the Governor of that province in connection | be required, it would be a cheap insurance." with waterways. The service required prov- | The first step is, as the Coast Inspector soed to be in regard to the Hsiao-ch'ing-ho | clearly pointed out in his preface, for the Government to be persuaded of the urgency of the matter-of the dangers that are impending,-to be impressed with the fact that in the special series of the Imperial Maritime | the thorough control of the river can with certainty be effected.

> KOWLOON-CANTON RAILIVAY. (roth April.)

In a recent issue of the Hongkong Telearaph we were in the happy position of being able exclusively to furnish our readers with an account of the work proceeding in connection with the Kowloon-Canton railway on "It should be remembered that in the British section of the line. At that time several particulars of paramount importance] it, no doubt, came as a surprise to the majority the condition of the Hwangho is getting of people to learn that not only had the worse and worse: (a), the amount of silt | surveying of the route been completed, but brought down is on the increase; (b) the that work had actually been commenced at flood volume (at all events in the upper part) | five different places, by the erection of emis on the increase; and (c) the low-river | bankments which were intended to provide volume is on the decrease. This serious suitable levels, and carry the line at a safe condition is one which we can consider to distance above possible inundations, and certainly exist by reason of the steadily in- over natural obstacles. Since the publicacreasing effects of deforestation in the moun- | tion of that news, the work on the new line tain districts. Existing torrents in the has proceeded with unabated energy and, denuded hills give birth to new torrents as | for a Government project, with unexampled they score their way into the mountain sides. | vigour. The Government have been push-The rainfall and melted snow is carried ing on the construction of the British section faster and faster into the river, while at the utmost speed and, although little or in the dry season the drainage from nothing has come to the attention of the public through the agency or medium of the We are told the question of silt is the do- Legislative Council as representing the com-. For the last few months many cases of would be to try and make the water the work has advanced by immense strides, dastardly attacks upon innocent traders | carry the silt down to the sea-to straighten | and that the sums already voted towards | have been reported, and now we record to- the bends by training work and to bring the the construction of the track have been depredations. In this case the piratical culty in the way of this is the decreasing appropriate an additional sum for the proattack occurred near the village of Tung, in volume of water as the sea is approached, ject, and that vote will be for a very conthe San-hing district, about eighty miles owing to exfiltration through the permeable siderable amount, if it is not merged in the bed of the river. Another scheme is to take | sum of £2,000,000 sterling which, under a steps in the upper part of the river-in Honan, | recent Ordinance passed by the Legislature, by afforestation, to ameliorate the torrents is actively proceeding at regular intervals cause a more regular flow from the new de- along the route of the railway. The supernuded uplands. Such a work is of such intendent's office, it has been decided, will be wit of man to forecast what would happen immense magnitude and, as regards afforest- located at Tsim-sha-tsui, and already the staff | in such an event. ation, would take so many years to have any is fully organised. The contractors have subappreciable effect, that it is to be considered | mitted their tenders which have been accepted as outside the limits of a scheme for the and have begun operations. Some 15,000 control of the Yellow River within the life- labourers and foremen, it has been roughly reverend gentleman. The pirates were well time of the present generation. Still an- estimated, will ultimately be engaged at one

effort to the speedy completion of a Government venture, which will mean 50 very much to Hongkong. The fact that 15,000 men will be engaged in the arduous operation of levelling the country in the New Territorics through which the line will take its course, implies that great, not to say exceptional, efforts are being made to carry the project through in the shortest space of time. On this occasion, at least, no laggard spirit is being shown by those at the head of affairs, and we may take it for granted that every means to accelerate matters will continue to be adopted. This is probably the most interesting news that the people of Hongkong could obtain, for it indicates that the Government is not slow to recognise the material advantages to be derived by the early completion of the Kowloon-Canton railway, and is determined, at all hazards, to see constant communication by rail established between this Colony and the great city of Southern China.

JAPANESE POLICY IN CHINA.

view with the Prime Minister of Japan,

Marquis Saionji, on the subject of the policy

at home and abroad of the recently-elected

Ministry appears in the Robe Herald from

the pen of Mr. Curtis, who recently passed

through Hongkong. Since the present

Ministry took office, the Premier, following

Japanese precedent, has been studiously in-

communicative, with the result that those

interested in Japanese aims and objects in

the immediate future have been engaged in

A highly important and instructive inter-

a somewhat hopeless attempt to deduce the intentions of that country from the latest acts of the Government. On the one hand we are assured that all the Japanese troops in Manchuria have now returned to Japan, while only one-third of the Russians have embarked for home so that the Manchurian difficulty still remains. It is satisfactory to note, however, from a telegram which appears in another column, that Manchuria will be evacuated by the entire Russian forces within eighteen months. Russia has solemnly undertaken to see that promise carried into effect. Marquis Saionji was questioned as to the political outlook is Eastern 'Asia, and incidentally reference was made to the native outbreaks that have lately occurred in Southern China. The Marquis expressed the opinion that affairs in China and Manchuria are now in a fairly settled state, and that so far as human foresight can judge, peace in the Orient may be held to be assured for a considerable period. He regarded the recent outbreaks of lawlessness in Southern China as purely local and in no way indicative of the presence of an antiforeign spirit in the counsels of the governing authorities. Such outhreaks, deplorable though they are, he considered bound to recur; and therein, in his opinion, lay the only real menace to the peace of the East, inasmuch as it is impossible to predicate the probable policy of foreign Powers in the event of further outrages occurring. He did not consider that any of the more recent acts of rapine and murder were allied in any way with the condition of things antecedent to the Boxer outbreak, which was encourage ed, if not instigated, by officials within the Palace. It is important to learn that statesman of Marquis Saionji's rank should be found on the side of those who believe that the sporadic outbreaks at different places in China do not represent Chinese views as a whole, but are merely the irresponsible acts of individuals who gain temporary notoriety among their fellows, by decrying the foreigners. The question as t how far the missionaries could be blamed for these occasional acts of crime was mooted. The Marquis unhesitatingly acknowledged the purity of motive of many of the missionaries, and paid a high tribute of praise to their zeal and self-denying labours, but he thought it could not be denied that many of them go beyond their true and lawful province and indirectly meddle in political matters, sometimes affording asylum to refugees, and interfering with the course of justice and the authority of the mandarins over their own people. Coming to the question of the "open door" in Manchuria, the interviewer plainly said that misgivings prevailed in many quarters that the "open door" was intended for Japanese traders exclusively. His Excelency replied deliberately and emphatically, in these words:-"It is a distinct feature of my policy to ensure the opening of the country to all alike, irrespective of minant factor in the problem of the Hwangho, | munity, there has been no slackness in the | questions of nationality." This is satisfacand is the one that no one province can solve progress of the work. Rather the reverse, tory from the commercial point of view, and for itself. Before, too it can be considered for it will be found that when His Excellency being couched in clear and definite terms as a problem for definite solution, a great | the Governor has occasion at a future | should prevent the possibility of any misdeal of information requires to be collected. | meeting of the Legislative Council to understanding on the point. It also assures the necessity for action by the Powers in the | The first and most obvious remedial refer to the Kowloon Canton railway he foreign Governments that the Japanese scheme, it is mentioned in the report, will be in a position to announce that Foreign Office is resolved to maintain a continuity of policy in permitting the subjects of foreign l'owers to participate in the benefits flowing from the results achieved low and high river channels to sections best largely exceeded. Indeed, His Excellency by our ally in the late war. In fine, this is missionary has been the victim of the pirates' | adapted to the volumes. The serious diffi- | will, in all likelihood, ask the Council to | a timely and valuable exposition of Japanese policy which should serve to dissipate all ambiguities which may have previously existed on the subject of Japan's position in Chips. As a matter of fact, the only point on which the Marquis was at all dublous was Shansi, and Shensi-to mitigate the crosion of the Government is empowered to raise for as to what should occur in the way of forthe river banks and that of its tributaries, and, railway purposes. We understand that work eigh intervention should further outbreaks of an anti-foreign character arise in China,

THE Sinwanpao learns that the British Representative at Nanchang has expressed the idea that if an anduring monument is built to the memory of the late Mr., Mrs. and Miss armed, and the method by which they pure other scheme that has been mentioned and the same time on the line-and it is pro- Kingham in that city, the question of punishsued their attack is similar in all respects to is the formation of huge reservoirs in bable that they are even now bending every. I ments will not be pressed,

and it is not much to say that it passeth the

HONGKONG PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION.

On many occasions we have pointed out

/ (11th, April.)

the anomalous and entirely unsatisfactory state of things which exists as the result of the lack of any Registration of Partnerships Ordinance in Hongkong. Cases innumerable have been argued with endless iteration in the local Courts over the question of part nership without any perfectly equitable result being arrived at, and certainly no perfectly acceptable solution being found Had there been a Registration of Partnerships Ordinance in force at present, the case which concluded in the Court of Bankruptcy Jurisdiction yesterday, nothing would ever have been heard of the matter in public, nor would business in many large and important firms retarded if not disorganised by the absence of principals in Court for a period of five days. It may be said that there is such a thing as voluntary registration of certain Chinese firms in the Registrar-General's Department -as was brought out in the course of the evidence submitted in the case in questionbut this voluntary registration is so very limited that the benefits accruing from it are scarcely perceptible. The Chinese of the merchant class who have a real interest in quite satisfy a critical world that Siam is trading companies are entirely in favour of registration, although certain members of that community on the Committee investigating the question of registration have expressed themselves as opposed to the idea of registration. But gauging the feelings of the merchant class in general, we can state clearly and distinctly that registration has, with a few exceptions, the support of the best representatives of that class, for they can see the benefits they would derive in defeating the machinations of men of straw who are nothing more or less than a hindrance and detriment to legitimate traders. Bench and bar, in every case of any importance, wherein the question of partnership has been involved, have expressed themselves as entirely of one mind that registration should be resorted to at the earliest moment in the interest of Hongkong. the suggestion of the Chamber of Commerce that Canton capital would be diverted from Hongkong were a policy of registration adopted is very doubtful, since Chinese, as shrewd lot of business people, only want the opportunity to find profitable investments for their capital, and there is no gainsaying the fact that in Hongkong such opportunity does occur, even though a small restriction might become perceptible were registration enforced.

GAMBLING IN SIAM.

How ineradicable is the love of gambling in the lower orders of the Chinese is best evidenced by the fact that, although a strict Ordinance prohibiting games of chance in the Colony has been in existence for some years, as an additional risk in the game, in which | which no doubt adds to the satisfaction of the tracts all classes, and more energy is thrown | cock-roaches. into an exciting gamble than would be devoted to any sort of labour whatever. But it has been the endeavour of the Samese Government to prove that Siam is worthy of a place among the powers of the world. As a general rule when anybody suggests that Siam is a coming force in the Far East, is a fleet and an army and other diversions. which hear the imprimatur of progress. Unfortunately the common people prethey live in the gaming house, no doubt to annoyed at this adherence to games of the Gambling Farmer has been a great conand, however progressive and liberal-minded very natural dislike to abandon, merewhich comes from Europe at that-a source of income which permits of expenditure in other directions, useful and materialistic exl say, 72 or 96 hours without a break-in their | Hongkong can have no pretension to outling

own houses, an act of royal clemency which binds the people to the throne and reminds them that they are indeed blessed with a great potentate. The chagrin of the Cambling Farmer is a minor matter. unworthy of consideration. Yet with all this, the Siamese Government is vaguely suspicious that outside peoples think gambling is a sign of a nation's weakness, and therefore as a graceful concession to Pro Bono Publico and all his satellites every now and again a law is promulgated that in such and such a district—which appears on the map, but has never sent ievenues of any sort to Court except under military compulsion, and is really a nuisance to the State, and regarding which the high officials know nothing and care remarkably less-a law is promulgated, then, that in that district gambling shall be abolished and any violation of the law shall be followed by excruciating punishments. Then the Ministers are satisfied and contemplate their magnificence, their enlightenment, their more than efficiency as Government servants; while the King strikes another medal which is distributed to all who have spare room for the new adornment amid the galaxy of ornaments and decorations on their manly breasts, But even these things will not advancing by leaps and bounds, so we have another batch of amended regulations which will greatly commend themselves to the public at large. Now, we are told, all public gambling houses in Siam, outside Bangkok, will be closed. The exception is interesting, as it leads one to ask—how many gambling houses ever existed outside Bangkok? Then the following games are "absolutely" prohibited: "games involving cruelty toanimals, like tying knives to the spurs of fighting cocks, or thorns to the wings of pigeons, or making fighting animals (cock-roaches for instance) drunk, or putting fire on the backs of tortoises in a race. Other forms of gambling are allowed on permits being obtained. Cock-fights, races and such like can be carried on only in places appointed by the Commissioner." It must be a wonderful people which finds delight in making cock-roaches drunk, but, of course, the cock-roaches of Siam may belong to an unusual species and only enter the lists under the compelling force of drunkenness. We quote further:-"When the Commissioner sees that people are devoting themselves to gambling and thereby neglecting their work and getting into bad habits, he is empowered to restrict the amount of gambling allowed under the permits. For three days at Krut Thai and Kurt Chiu and for four days at Songkrau permits are not required for the allowed forms of gambling-A rent has to be paid for a race-course of cock-nit. In Monthon Puket the Commise

sioner may empower the manager of any mine to allow the playing of Chinese dice for fixed times within the mining property, but the permits have to be paid for in the the coolies gaily and daily laugh to scorn its ordinary way." Always the money! Gamprovisions, and gamble to their heart's con- blers, and those in Hongkong unless they tent on every possible occasion. Even the knew these things are behind the age, tiniest children on the waterfront may be should know the Siamese tariff for witnessed any day of the week playing some | permits in that interesting and modern mysterious game in which coppers form the | country: A permit for cock-fighting, bullockessential feature. Naturally when gangs of | fighting, buffalo-fighting or bird-fighting will coolies collect together and become so ab cost 10 ticals a day, and under these new sorbed in the tide of fortune that they are regulations a day consists only [alas !] of 12 oblivious to mundane matters they are liable | hours. For fish or cock-roach fishing the to find themselves in the clutches of the tariff is a tical per pen. For the ordinary law. Our columns teem with cases in which | gambling games that are permitted at festigamblers have been caught in flagrante de- vals-about a score are enumerated in the, licto; and in each case fines have been inflict- | schedule—the permit costs Tcs. 4 a day. ed. But these fines seem to be considered | Cards may be played any time, permits, costing 4 ticals for the day of twelve hours the banker is the chief loser, if discovered, and 8 ticals for the night of twelve hours." From all these regulations, framed with bettor when matters have been going against | statesmanlike care, we may augur that there him. In Siam, which seeks to emulate is a great future for Siam. Hongkong Japan moral and material advancement, legislates for rats, but these are high in the gambling is the national pastime. It at scale of vermin compared with fleas and

HONGKONG AND SINGAPORE.

(12th April.)

Rivalry between colonies is an excellent institution, which deserves the utmost encouragement, stimulating as it does the oppeople treat the idea with something very | ponents to increased effort and thereby widlike derision. But Siam has been in ening the horizon of both parties. Singatensely in earnest, and Bangkok to-day pore has always been credited with a sneakis as Europeanised as any Eastern capi- ing jealousy of the prosperity of Hongkong, tal could ever attain. Morcover, there the magnitude of its shipping interests, the extent of its great industrial works, and its influence as the naval base of the Far East. Of course, this jealousy, or whatever fer to abide by the ways and customs of it may be termed, was scarcely worthy of a their predecessors, and one of the articles | flourishing Colony such as Singapore is toranking high in their ancestral heritage is day, with its manifold interests in shipping, gambling. The Siemese gamble by night and the variety of its own undertakings, but as well as day, and if they have the funds it existed, and from a casual observation which appears in the Bastern Daily Mail it the delight of those at the head of the is clear that such a feeling remains in the Farm. Now, the Government have been | heart of the Colony. In quoting our remarks with regard to the new harbour imchance. Naturally the income derived from | provement scheme at Singapore, the writer suggests that the answer of the Government sideration, for it is probably the chief item on of the Straits Settlements to the indictment the revenue side of the national accounts,] we framed against that scheme would probably be that "Hongkong naturally objects one may be, there is a distinct and to the immense development of the port of Singapore which is now proposed." But ly for the sake of a principle, or an why should the Government of Singapore, or idea-a philosophic idea, indeed, and one any individual resident in that Colony holding its interests as a precious treasure, conceive such an idea? It must be evident, if the most cursory examination is made of penditure, such as the construction of roads, | the subject, that Singapore and Hongkong, the installation of a water supply, the sup- by virtue of their relative geographical posipression of piracy, and various other im- tion, must inevitably stand apart as competprovements which only originate in the ingragents, the one flourishing in a measure minds of practical people. And besides on correlative to the prosperity which attends a certain great festival in Siam it is the King's the other. Singapore can never hope to pleasure to allow the people to gamble for challenge Hongkong's advantage as the three, or perhaps it is four, days-that is to distributing centre for South China, just as

while Hongkong is the terminus of the spell during the past year. Pacific trade. There have been humorous ideas promulgated by our contemporaries in Manila, and even by functionaries of the Insular Government, that one of these fine days Manila will become the paramount port of the East, evicting both Hongkong and Singapore from their present positions, and denying them the privilege of claiming any right whatsoever: to precedency as centres of distribution. But as the people of Manila are at present quaking under the thought that another the very existence of the new Company port on one of the Islands may shortly be was threatened by the operations of the Philippines-a port with, as yet, an unpronounceable name—their arrogance may be stretching before them. When the Kowloon-Canton railway is completed, and Hankow. is connected with Canton, the main part of the produce in the area tapped by these railways must, perforce, find its way to Hongkong to be distributed over the It would be impossible to estimate the increased trade which such combination of circumstances implies for Hongkong. On the other hand, Singaneighbouring Dutch Colonies and Borneo as consumers of the products landed at the southern port, while the development of Johore, the linking up of the railway, now in process of construction, between Singapore and Burma, must prove of undoubted benefit to our sister Colony, both financially and commercially. As for Siam, which istands between, Singapore cannot pretend to believe that the trade between Hongkoup and Bangkok can be diverted away from its natural channel. It must be clear from all these points that Hongkong and Singapore will advance and prosper in like ratio. Hongkong is interested in southern affairs to the extent of the traffic in goods flowing westwards and from China, particularly in the commerce involved by the emigration of Chinese coolies, who maintain constancommunication with their friends and bus ness acquaintances in China; while Singa pore is similarly situated so far as. Chinese Malayan relations are maintained, and th eastward traffic, as a matter of course, belong to our neighbour in the south. In these cicumstances the policy of "live and let live is the best that can be adopted, at the sam time remembering that each Colony malearn much from each other's methods an by a study of each other's circumstances.

CRIME IN HONGKONG.

put off the day when he must resort to biomately larger capital. the Court hoping, no doubt, that the debtor will eventually pay up like a manhope tells him a flattering tale; at all events there were only 49 debtors imprisoned last year as contrasted with 64 in 1904. Including those who were on remand and those unable to find security or bail, 6,227 prisoners entered Victoria Gaol last year as against 7,464 in 1,904—a reduction of 1,237, I a comparison is made daily between the forecast five years. It is noteworthy that the number of convictions from the New Territory was 169 last year or more than double that lying districts are better policed, with the years ago would have passed unchecked are now brought to light by the vigilance of the law. No less than 3,383 persons came under the disciplime of the gaol for offences not of a criminal character, and of that of the Opium Ordinance. Five beggars that first offenders are completely separated

agent for the Dutch Colonies and the much for corrective purposes as for the hinterland of the Straits Settlements. In- reclamation of the lapsed, and particularly deed, the idea that Singapore could ever of those who have fallen for the first time hope to draw from Hongkong its trade with and taste the degradation of compulsory China is not merely absurd—it is ab- confinement. Taking it altogether there is solutely ridiculous. And the same applies | comparatively little of interest in the report to any hope that might be fatuously held | -if two births within the precincts of the that Hongkong could interfere with Singa- prison be excepted-the only outstanding pore's trade in the Dutch Colonies. fact being the great reduction in the num-Singapore stands at the gate of Europe, ber of those who endured prison life for a

> SHANGHAL ENGINGERING AND SHIP BUILDING COMPANY.

While the question of the re-construction

watching the trend of events in the North,

we denied the assertion made by the op-

ponents of the re-construction scheme that

adopted as the commercial axis of the Kianguan Arsenal docks. It was argued that the Kiangnan Arsenal was flourishing so greatly that it would shortly calmly disregarded for the present. Indeed, have all the work required by the the Manilians would probably be the Chinese Government, Chinese owners first to waive the point. The fact is that and other shipping in its hands. Being Singapore is bound to capture the Euro- a Government concern and bolstered up pean trade travelling eastwards; while the with Government money, the Kiangnan Pacific trade and part of the Australian trade | Arsenal could offer better terms than the for South China falls naturally to the 'share | Shanghai . Engineering and Shipbuilding of Hongkong. Both Hongkong and Singa- Company. A short paragraph in the A. C. pore have vistas of immense prosperity | Daily News shows how following that view It is as follows: "The American cruiser Kaleigh was undocked and a Chinese emiser docked at the International Dock on the 7th instant." It is evident, therefore, that the competition of the Kiangnan Arsenal is largely a vain creation of the mind. If the Chinese Government find it desirable to send their warships to the International Dock in preference to the Kiangnan Arsenal that, is surely an indication pore has a rich inheritance of patrons in the that the fears of the pessimists who foresaw the speedy downfall of the Shanghai Engineering and Shipbuilding Company may safely be disregarded. Endeavours were also made to prove that although Mr. Koff was a director of the new Shanghai. Engineering and Shipbuilding Co. and was therefore likely to bring the large shipping interests which his finil controls to the service of the Company, the greatest amount of German ship-repairing and engineering would be placed in the hands of German firms at Kiaochau. This argument also is squelched; for, on the 14th of March last, the German man-of-war Illis was docked at Shanghai, cleaned and repaired. Here then is another instance why confidence should be retained in the Shanghai Engineering and Shipbuilding Company.' With reference' to this Company we may expect at an early date the official announcement that the old Farnham, Boyd Co. has been reconstructed with new articles under the name of the Shanghai Engineering and Shipbuilding Company, Ltd. Readers will remember the resolution for the re-construction of the Company, and it is consequently unnecessary to enter into details on that point now, except to say that the new Company is to commence operations on the 1st proximo. It against the Protestants. is to be presumed that the new articles have been registered under the Companies Ordinance of Hongkong, and it may be expected that shareholders will be served with a notice . Hongkong's morality is distinctly on the 1 to the effect that the resolutions passed upward grade, if we may judge from the lat the extraordinary and adopted at the severely statistical statement issued by the confirmatory meeting will take effect on the Superintendent of Victoria Gaol for the past 11st prox. In this event the directors are year. It is a notorious fact that figures are required to give the shareholders a clear by no means the best guide which we can fourteen days' notice, so that the announcehave if we desire to form a just estimate of I ment as to the registration of the new Comthe crime of the Colony for a specified | pany must be made on Tuesday at the latest, period, because a great deal depends not so lif operations are to begin on the 1st of much on the number of cases as on the May. In the opinion of several shareholders character of the crimes committed. It is there is a possibility that the question of impossible, in the absence of any explanal reducing the capital of the Company will tory remarks by the Superintendent of the once again be brought forward by the Gaol, to say whether Hongkong is improved new board of directors. It is contended littles at Peking. ing in this respect, but it is at least note- that the property, market in Shanghai is, worthy that the number of convictions for at the moment, far more favourable than actual 'crime-including petty offences of when the scheme was first, mooted about every description-showed a reduction of this time last year. We have no positive 1,213. In 1905 there were 64 prisoners receive ground for suggesting that a reduction of the estranged. ed from the military authorities as compared capital will be proposed by the new with 95 in the previous year, a significant | board, but if such be the case it is antireduction. Under the heading of "On re- cipated that no difficulty will be experienced mand or in default of finding surety" no in securing the Tls. 1,100,000 wherewith to less than 856 persons lost their liberty-- return to the shareholders a sum of 20 taels temporarily, let us hope-during the year, | per share of what is generally believed to be which was a slight increase over the number | the over capitalised amount of the amalgaof those who failed to find bail or were un I mated docks at Shanghai. It can be assumed able to give guarantees of good faith in with a reasonable degree of certainty that the 1904. In considering one item of the list | valuable asser in the Old Dock would proof "prisoners received," which is the quaint | vide security for any advance which the official way of looking at the matter, one is directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai inclined to ask-Are we becoming more Banking Corporation might grant to enable lenient towards those who fail to pay their the Company to make the return of capital | Kin-liua-fu, in the Chekiang province, debts? Not so very long ago, when an in- suggested. We believe that such a return dividual failed to meet his obligations the would be generally welcomed by the sharecreditor did not think twice over the matter. I holders, and it would relieve the Company He simply clapped the debtor into prison. | of the burden of earning larger profits in Nowadays, the creditor seems willing to order to maintain the dividend on a propor-

WEATHER FOREGASTS.

The majority of people are inclined to scoff at the weather prophet, but withal he continues to thrive, and his very persistency may bring his detractors to his side in the course of time: From the Report of the Director of the Hongkong Observatory for last year, it appears that giving a percentage of .057 to the estimated [issued and the actual conditions which population, the lowest recorded for the last follow. In 1905 the results of that comparison were: Success 56 per cent; partial success 33 per cent; failure i per cent.; partial failure in undertaken that all the troops beper cent. Following the method used in meteorological offices and taking the sum o of the previous year. It does not necessarily total and partial success as a measure of drawn from Eastern Asia within follow that crime has increased on the success, and the sum of rotal and partial failure mainland; the probability is that the out- as a measure of failure, it follows that 89 per cent, of the weather forecasts were successful result that crimes and offences which a few in 1905. No doubt this is very satisfactory from the scientific point of view, but the ordinary man requires something more. For instance, it would be well to know what the Observatory officials mean by "partial success," and when they account a forecast a "partial failure." To the commonplace individual the weatherforecast number 1,307 had contravened some section is of comparatively slight interest, but to the mariner it is of supreme importance, especially spent a term in gaol! The report notes the coast conditions. In this connection an in the case of those who are unacquainted with appendix entitled "Fogs on the Coast of from habitual criminals, which is satis. China," compiled by Mr. F. G. Figg, is of factory; for too often the prison officials are value, showing as it does the variation in

around the coast generally. Mr. Figg states that "when the mean percentage of the whole of the stations is taken, April proves to be the foggiest month, 25 per cent. of the days being loggy, and September has the least log, viz, per cent. But the time of the occurrence of the maximum varies with the latitude, the S. coast recording the maximum in March, and Shantung and the Gulf of Pechili between June or July." After describing the weather conditions which tend to the creation of foggy weather the writer observes: "To the navigator the practical importance of the results arrived at is this, that about the, beginning of the year whenever it is known that low pressure areas exist over China or adjacent waters' he may expect to find more or less tog along the coast, its occurrence becoming more and more frequent and its character probably of S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co. was agitatdenser, until the period of the year when the maximum of fog obtains, is reached ing the shareholders of that Company and on the different parts of the coast." Fogs compelling the interest of all who have been covering the most extensive areas of the coast on the same day were most frequent is April, except over the area from the Yangtze 16 Shantung and the Gulf of Pechili when May shows the greatest percentage. April is seen to be a very bad month along the stictch of coast comprised by the Formesa Channel and mouth of the Yangtze, the prevalence of fogon the same day being very frequent over the whole area. After April it seldom happens that logiembraces the S. coast and Formosa Channel areas at the same time, but they continue till about the middle of June in the area comprised by the Formosa Channel and the Yangize districts, and they disappear still later in the section of the coast comprised by the estuary of the Yangtze and the Shantung districts. After the end of July there are practically no logs covering extensive sections of the coast on the same day. It is in January that they begin to increase again. From the table compiled it appears that much more fog is found a few miles seaward of the river mouths than at the ports on the rivers a little inlind. The main point in the report, however, is the weather forecasts, and nothing is said as to whether the Director'is entirely satisfied with the results achieved in 1905. We are left to infer that because 56 per cent, were successful and 33 ner cent, partially so the Observatory has fulfilled its purpose. As a matter of fact, few concern themselves with the existence of such an institution, except in the typhoon season,

> LEGRAMS "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"

and then the Observatory's observations are of

SERVICE. $YUNNAN \mid \Theta UTBREAK$ PROTESTANTS IN SERIOUS

AUTHORITIES APPARENTLY HELPLESS.

DANGER.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 7th April, 2.40 p.in.

The Echo de Chine reports that serious trouble has broken out in

The authorities are stated to have insufficient men at their command to

suppress the outbreak. Strong feeling, it is said, prevails

The situation is very grave. GERMANY IN FAVOUR.

CURIOUS DIPLOMATIC MOVE.

GREAT BRITAIN AND AMERICA ESTRANGES

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 7th April;

 $\pm 10.50~\mathrm{a.m.}$, The diplomatic representatives of

German have unexpectedly obtained the confidence of the official author-

On the other hand, the relations between the Chinese and Great Britain and America have become

DISTURBANCE AT KIN-HUA-FU.

COTTON MILL DESTROYED.

MANAGER'S HOUSE LOOTED.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Sbanghai, 9th April,

, 2,20, p.m. A disturbance has taken place at The cotton mill, which was recent-

l by the rioters. The manager's house has been

looted

y erected there, has been destroyed

RUSSIAN TROOPS. EVACUATE MANCHURIA IN

EIGHTEEN MONTHS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 10th April, 12.30 p.m.

Russian Government has longing to that country will be witheighteen months.

MUKDEN AND ANTUNG. NEW TRADE CENTRES TO HE

OPENED. THE RESULT OF AMERICAN AND JAPANESE

From Our Own Correspondent, Shanghai, 10th April, 12.30 p.m.

As the result of demands presented by the diplomatic representa-

Governments at Peking, the Chinese Government has promised that Mukden and Antung shall be opened fourth moon (May).

THE YUNNAN FEARS. "EVERYTHING IS AT PEACE."

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM CATHOLIC SOURCES.

We are extremely indebted to the Rev. A. Brun, Procureur, Mission Etrangères in China, for the following information, with reference to the telegram which our representative at Shanghai telegraphed on the authority of the Echo de Chine, that there was danger to Protestants in Yunnan: Rev. Father Brun writes-"Telegram just now to hand from

Yunnansen says : "Everything is at peace."

FORMOSA.

MARQUIS OYAMA RESIGNS.

VISCOUNT RODAMA SAKÚMA APPOINTED GOVERNOR.

[From Our Own Correspondent.] Shanghai, 12th April,

Marquis Oyama, who held the opst of Governor of Formosa, to which he was appointed at the con-

clusion of the late war, has retired. Viscount Kodama Sakuma has been appointed to the vacancy.

GERMAN STATESMAN HERE.

VISIT OF THE SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE.

Baron von Sterneberg, ecretary of State for Agriculture in Germany, arrived in Hongkong on Thuesday, accompanied by his suite. His Excellency is on a tour round the world, and it is stated that his sole object is health and pleasure. If anything meets his eye which in his opinion should be applied to the German colonies then, of cour e; he will make a note of Lotherwise. it. But the primary intention is to see the world and enjoy life. Baron von Sterneberg is a well-known figure in the German Reichstag. His experience of parliamentary affairs dates back to the days when Prince Bismarck-the man of blood and iron-was at the height of his glory, when he was at the zenith of his power, when he was not merely the man behind the throne but practically the throne itself. The Baron was on the best of terms with the fierce old fire-eater and held a post in his Government. For several years the Baron has been Secretary of State for Agriculture, and al though that is a post which does not bring him into prominence in the outer world his ability is highly appreciated in his native land, and personally he is greatly esteem-

ed. Baron von Sterneberg is no longer a young man and his policy of travelling round the world in the commodious passenger steamers of to-day, in order to recuperate his | that the pupils are backward in writing and health, might be followed with advantage by many who are content to paddle in the waters washing the Riviera, being unaware, probably, of pleasures of a voyage to the "glorious Orient" His Excellency and suite proceeded to Canton last night and will return to Hongkong in time

proceed via Shanghai and Japan to America. PICTORIA SCHOOL.

PRIZE-GIVING DAY.

to catch the Manchuria by which they will

This was a red-letter day for the scholars in Victoria School, Causeway Bay, the occasion being the presentation of prizes by Mr. A. Irving, Inspector of Schools. There was a very good attendance and the room used for the occasion was full; while the smil s on the faces of the children denoted the greatest pleasure. Before the presentation took place, short programme of music was gone through by the children, which was well appreciated by those who attended.

The headmaster (Mr. W. H. Williams) read his report as follows.

By Government Notification, No 74, of the 3rd Feb. 1905, the Victoria School was opened on Minday, the 20th March, 1905, fo children of European parents, both boys and girls, with this restriction, that girls over 13 years of age are not admitted or allowed to remain at the school. Classification.—The school is divided into

an infant, a lower, and an upper school. Pupils are transferred to the upper school on attaining the standard of knowledge equivalent to the fifth standard of a public elementary school in

CURRICULUM UPPER SCHOOL. The course of instruction provides for a thorough modern and general education and includes: mathematics, physical and commercial geography, constitutional history, English grammar, composition and literature, hygiene, free arm and freehand drawing, object lessons,

*applifd mechanics, *geometrical drawing and

* Boys only. LOWER SCHOOL

* Pitman's shorthand.

Reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, grammar, wordbuilding, composition, drawing, clay modelling, object lessons, singing, sewing, and kindergarten studies.

Infant school: reading, writing, arithmetic, singing, drawing, sewing and kindergarten. In all classes the first half hour each morning is given to biblical instruction. Attendance, -During the last week in March;

1905, 17 pupils were admitted, in July, there were 33, in December 11 and the last admission number was 60. Five pupils have left the school I to take employment, 2 to return to England and 2 to go to other schools. While the average attendance has thus trebled itself in twelve months, I am pleased to report that the pupils themselves have attended school regularly and in the aggregate have put in over 90% of the total possible number of attendances; when parents thus send their children to school regularly greater justice is done to the children, to their teachers, and to the school. SPECIAL SUBJECTS.

Hygiene.-A beginning in this subject was unavoidably delayed till November; pupils of the Upper School took the Government examination in the advanced slage the results of which were not satisfactory, but in justice to the pupils who prescrited themselves for this examination it should be pointed out-(a) that

Singapore from its position of distributing apt to forget that the prison exists not so log conditions in the vicinity of thoughout and Japanese they were imperfectly prepared, having received for this school, and he decided that the present appeal to English children.

not received six months' instruction.

children assembled at school and an address | would be present at the prize-giving (Applause). was given by my reviewing the chief events during the reign of Queen Victoria, after which I on the children to give thee hearty cheers for the National Anthein was sung, and a holiday | Mr. Irving, and the proceedings terminated. granted for the rest of the day. During the Xmas holidays the upper school pupils contri uted essays for the 'Lord Meath Empire UNDESIRABLES IN HONGKONG. Day Essay Competition, 1906'; five of the Essays were authorized by the Inspector of Schools for despatch to the Federal Council The results of this competition are expected shortly. It has been arranged to celebrate Victoria Day this year by carrying out Lord Meath's suggested programme for Empire Day and His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to preside at a joint celebration by the scholars of the Kowloon and Victoria Schools at the Victoria School.

ATHLETICS. In response to a letter which I sent to parents in April lust, subscriptions were sent to the "School Sports Fund" to cover the expenses for the supply of materials for cricket, foutball, and other games. The boys take a keen interest in their games:- I nm pleased to say that they have competed in the Hongkong Schools Football League, at least one match a week has been played and several fixtures in both cricket and football have been arranged for this year. I attach much importance to organized school games and all boys are compelled to take part in some sports unless parents for a valid reason expressly desire

GOVERNMENT INSPECTION. The infant and the lower schools were inspected in November and the upper school December by the Inspector of Schools, and his report is as follows:

DISCIPLINE AND ORGANIZATION. The discipline is very good considering th short time the school has been in existence The organisation of the infant and lower schools is quite satisfactory. In the upper school it is quite impossible to express a definite opinion, as the pubils have come into the school at intervals during the few months that the school has been open; and it cannot be said with any certainty how for their attainments and weak points are attributable to their former education. I have therefore not attempted to criticise the work done by their at examination in any detail, but I can say arithmetic, and that their deficiencies will require much attention. The elaborate course of study outlined in the 1 eport of the Headmaster must be taken to some extent as an ideal to be pursued, not necessarily in the immediate

Sanitation. - Very satisfactory. Apparatus.-Very satisfactory. Infant and Lower Schools Reading very good progress made, Writing great pains are being taken with handwriting. Geography very well taught. Arithmetic very good. Drawing very well taught; Kindergatten good. Singing not very much has been accomplished, hitherto.

Since this report was made the weaker points in the Lower School indicated by the Inspector have been attended to. Kindergarten materials have been obtained from England and singing is now taught by note on the tonic sol-fa method. This being the first year of the school continuity of instruction has been difficult. a view to starting a fresh year's work to be completed by the end of this year I have during the past two weeks made a thorough examination of the school. In the Infant and Lower School in charge of Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Morris, there is evidence of very satisfactory progress, so that each class will now be promoted to the one higher. With regard to the Upper School 1 regret to report that the results are not so satisfactory. Considering that the average age of the pupils is 124 years, I exect a much higher standard of proficiency in mathematics and English than is shown by the examination results. The standard of attainment in any subject does not justify any special reward for proficiency and I have not recommended to the Covernment the granting of any prizes to the Upper School. I have now very great pleasure in calling the Inspector of

(Applause.) The prizes were then distributed. THE PRIZE LIST.

Schools to present the prizes to the pupils of

the lower school who have really mented them

Infint Class-Ada Dickson, Anna' Ogilvie Mary Mercer, Ernest Wilkinson, Roy Tatam. Standard 1-Norm in Robertson, George Rodger, Frieda Schoenfelder, Edgar Davey, Kathleen Jackson, Thomas Martin, John Grimshaw.

Standard II-John Rodger, Jessie Rodger, Jessie Stokes, Queenie Tatam. Standard III-Ivan Gibson, George Baker, Kathleen Course, Jessie McNeill, Irene Max- British gunboat. At 1 p.m. the Admiral re-

time was lost; luckily Mr. Williams being here | their presence at the function. they did not have to send home for a master, and the school was started in less than seven months from the time it was asked for. They | CHINA'S representative at the celebration of dent it was left to him to suggest a building | News,

6 weeks' inition only; (b) that the average age | building would be about the best. It was a of the pupils was only 12 and not having little Chinese school containing one master received any preliminary instruction they were and one scholar, and he thought they ought not mentally fit for the study of the advanced sometimes to sympathise with that Chinese course; (c) they were entered under pressure boy, who no longer enjoys the privilege of a to international trade during the from the Inspector of Schools who on learning whole school, a schoolmaster and a blackboard that there were not enough pupils to form a, to himself (laughter). Regarding housing he team for the competition in the elementary thought be could say with some confidence course requested me to send them in for the that the Victoria School was the prettiest in advanced course rather than that a Governo the Colony and as far as outward equipment, ment school should be altogether unpresented went left very little to be desired. But a at the examination. We may, however, look school wanted children. At first it seemed as forward to better results next December as the | if the attendance would not be as large as exsubject is now regularly and systematically | pected, but this year Mr. Williams said the taught, and I have added the elementary number touched 60, while 55 were actually principles of physiology and "First Aid" to present during March, at that 'rate of prothe syllabus as these branches of hygiene gress they had every reason to hope that the number would equal that of the Kowloon Religious Instruction :-- As the year ending | school. The Kowloon school was to specialise Dec. 31, 1905, included seven working months I the education of girls and Victoria School the only I did not recommend the holding of an education of boys, which the speaker considerindependent examination in religious know- ed the most satisfactory arrangement, because ledge for 1905 for the reasons that all the pupils | the education of boys must be somewhat were re-classified at Midsummer and 18 new different. The little girls in this school were pupils were admitte furing the autumn term. well disciplined and were getting on very well An examination would thus serve no useful with their studies. Since he saw them drilling purpose, as the syllabur of instruction had to with dolls, which they did very well, he hoped be modified and more than half the pupils had when they went home they would ask their mothers to lend them the baby (laughter), It Leligue of the Empire: - Last year being only remained for him to congratulate Mr. the Nelson Centenary the upper school pupils Williams on the flourishing condition of the received a special course of lessons upon the school and to thank the ladies and gentlemen growth of the Empire during the 18th and 19th present for turning up in such numbers. He centuries. On Victoria Day, May 24th, the hoped that next year the half of Hongkong

At the conclusion the head-master called up-

A SCRNE AT THE CENTRAL STATION.

That Hongkong is the dumping ground for Eastern ports is a fact that cannot be disputed, Chinese criminals who find Kwangtung too hot for them, vide the innumerable extradition cases that have been reported in these columns, seek Hongkong as their only port of refege. Deportees from the Straits Settlements and Saigon find their way to our shores as if this Colony only existed for sheltering such undesirables. This fact can be confirmed easily enough. Almost daily cases are reported in this journal of coolies who have been arrested for crimes committed and state unblushingly that they have only arrived in the Colony from Canton or the interior, as the case might be, by the last boat. They are no doubt quite aware of the English laws and some of them are only too glad to go to gaol. If we remember rightly, and it was not so very long ago, a coolie who was convicted remarked in the waiting-room that it would be to his pleasure if the magistrate had added on a couple of months more to his already long sentence. Without the slightest compunction he said that in gaol he had his chow regularly, always a bed, and a roof above, his head, the work they set him to do was only child's play considering what they have to do outside for 100 cash a day, and a regular bath. But the latter affair he did not appear to appreciate, but he concluded with "get used to it, anyway!" Such is the low-class Chinaman's fear for the Victoria

This alternoon, a visit to the Central Police Station, presented an ideal picture of Chinese happiness. In the compound of the Station were no less that 133 decrepit looking Chinese who had been deported from Saigon recently and arrived in the Colony on board the steamship Victoria this morning, One and all were afflicted with some disease, mainly leprosy. Others could not walk and had to be carried by policeman. They were all huddled up together, with their boxes beside them, to all outward appearances as happy as sand-boys, waiting leisurely the verdict of the detective office. Thanks to the detective department these men were secured before they were let loose in the streets of Hongkong, and in charge of Detective F. L. Clyde, these undesirables were "passed on" to pastures new,

SIR AKTHUR MOORB. VISITS GOVERNOR MONTENEGRO

AT MACAO,

[From Our Own .Correspondent.] -----

Macao, 12th April, 1966. The first visit to Macao of the new Commander-in-Chief of the British Naval Squadron in

China was made on Wednesday. Atsix o'clock in the evening that day H.M.S. Alacrity, flying the flag of His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir. Arthur W. Moore, anchored in the roadstead. At ten o'clock this forenoon the Admiral landed in the inner harbour of Macao at what is known as the old Naval Station pier. Early in the morning the river gunboat Moorhen steamed out from her moorings to the Alucrity in the outer harbour; the Admiral having embarked on board the Moorhen, she returned to Macao.

At the wharf to receive the distinguished visitor a guard of honour, under an officer of captain's rank, was posted. Sir Arthur Moore n landing was received with all the honours due to his rank, and then inspected the force. Accompanied by his nide-de-cam,, and the Commander of the Alucrity, the British Admiral, attended by the Portugueso Chief of Staff, Captain Damao de Menezes of the Artillery, proceeded to Government House on a formal visit to the Governor of the Colony, Senhor Martinho de Montenegro. Another guard of honour in command also of a Captain awaited Sir Anhur Moore's arrival at the gubernatorial residence. The honours accorded the British visitor are what are equivalent to those given in Portugal to a General of Division, After the usual exchange of courtesies

the Admiral and the British officers returned aboard the Moorken in port. At eleven in the forenoon the Governor returned the Admiral's visit on board the turned to the Alacrity, which weighed anchor

Mr. Irving said it gave him great pleasure in | and steamed out in the direction of Canton. having to distribute the prizes at this, the first | Had the Admiral not left to-day and had promeeting of the school. The foundations of the clonged his stay at this port, his Excellency Victoria English School were laid about eigh- would have been entertained at a banquet at teen months ago, when a petition was sent to Government House. The members of the HE, the Governor asking him to start an all Macao Club are entertaining their friends at British school on this side, corresponding to dinner on Easter Sunday and it was the inten-Kowloon School which was started for the tion of the committee to invite the British Adsame purpose at the beginning of 1902. No miral and his suite to honour the Club with

were also lucky'in having a building in which | the coming marriage between King Alfonso of to house the school, because if they had had to | Spain and H. R. H. Princess Ena of Battenberg. build it would have taken much longer. The we understand, is to be H.E. Wang-Ta-hsi. speaker referred to the similarity between Chinese Minister to the Court of St. James's. British schools in Hongkong and the cuckoo. The proper person to go to Madrid for the remarking that they took over buildings intend- purpose ought naturally to be H. E. Sir Chened for other purpose. For instance when it I tong Liang Cheng, the Chinese Minister accrewas decided to start a British school at Kow- dited to the country. Owing, however, to the loon they had no building, but there was a non-settlement of the new Exclusion Treaty very fine building erected by a Chinese gentle- with the United States his Excellency cannot man which place Kowloon saw would suit leave Washington, with the result that H. E. very well, so took it. Following this prece- Wang-Ta-lisi has been appointed,-N.C.D.

PIRATICAL OUTRAGE.

HONGKONG MISSIONARY HELD UP

PIRATES ARMED CAP-A-PIE,

GRAPHIC NARRATIVE.

San-hing River, 4th April. A few days since I completed my twentythird year of life in the Orient, and I have always been devoutly thankful that, during all that time though travelling constantly in the interior. I have never been held up by robbers. I have been on launches and on Chinew passage boats where the bullet marks ould be seen of previous encounters with robbers; but I never had the misfortune of being present at such an attack. Still I often wondered what I should do in case such a trial should come to me. Other friends of mine have been shot, tied to bed posts, or stripped almost of all their clothing; but the robbers have never molested me until the night of the 4th of April when our passage boat lying at anchor near the village of Tung in the San hing District was simultaneously attacked with two other passage boats't about thirty or forty armed robbers many of whom carried the more improved modern weapons. The first thing that I heard was some loud shouting and several shots fired, whereupon the captain called out, "This is the passage boat from San-hing and we have but few passengers on board."

"Row ashore or we'll put some bullet holes through your head," came back the angry reply.

In the meantine the shouting continued and the bullets flew through the midnight air so as to make one feel rather uncomfortable. Indeed, a number struck the boat and shattered a bamboo just above the head where my boy lay.

"Lie down," said the captain to me • the robbers are coming.

In a few minutes more three or four wel armed Chinese came through the boat carrying their rifles and a belt of cartridges around their shoulders. They were no trousers and had only a loin cloth around their

"You are a French Father," said the foremost man as he saw me rise on my elbow. "We won't touch you; we are looking for ·another man."

This he repeated several times until thought that perhaps we should not be molested. They left the boat and I thought that the worst was over, but in less than two minutes, no doubt after a brief consultation with the other robbers, they returned, and the leader (whom I supposed would not touch me) asked me for my watch and then asked: "Where is your money?" I told him that I did not have very much and finally gave him my pocket book. This man was so friendly that he commenced to appropriate to himself my suspenders, vest and the two coats that I had on, and I feared that I should fare the same fate with a certain other missionary who had his trousers taken from him; but happily they were satisfied with rummaging in my pockets.

"Open that basket," said one, and, o course, I obeyed; for one is ready to do almost anything when a loaded rifle is pointed at his head.

"What is this?" asked my would-be friend, but who was really my worst enemy, as he held up my medicine case and which had relieved many an ailment of the Chinese as well as foreigners.

"You don't want that," said I; "it is only a medicine case which will be of no value to you; please do not take it."

But the man was so friendly that he folded it up and took it with the rest of the things. My surgical instruments fared in the same way. It was a little hard to see my old tooth forceps seized with which I had pulled 100 Chinese teeth in one day, but it went; robbers do not care for sentiment. Fever thermometers, hypodermic syringe, scissors, forceps, etc., etc., all went before I had time to think. Indeed, they surrounded me like a pack of wolves, and after one had searched me, another came up and repeated the same friendly operation. One of my baskets was in the hold. As the therefore without arms, but steps have already horde of pirates came on board this was opened and one of the men without saying a word wrenched the lock off and helped himself to a number of articles, and clothes with the thirty odd dollars that I had concealed I began to think that everything would go, when the first man came back to me and handed me back my two coats, but not my vest and said he wanted my shirt. thought it best to accede to this request and | were present a few parents and others interestdoffed my sweater which I wore and then expected to travel for two days and two nights in a singlet. My overcoat was also taken and I expected every minute my comforter and study gown would go; but no, they were left. The last article seized was the camera with which I had taken pictures illustrating Chinese life, that have been sent all over the world-Australia, England, Germany, Canada and America, and which have been printed in books and magazines. A ruffian was going to open it with a kick, but I told him I would open it for him me my old and tried friend. But no, that regard to any of my feelings. Even my account books were scattered about because they were hunting for bank notes. My boy managed to persuade them not to take one or two under-shirts that he had washed, but many of these also disappeared.

After they left we commenced to gather up the remnants and to take an account For suspenders I secured a string they had left behind to tie up my of my books floating in the water which had leaked through a hole made by a bullet. My account books were found partially torn, but I was glad to find that I had sufficient clothing left until I could reach Hongkong, even if I could not grace a drawingroom. But what of my state of mind during the attack and robbery? I can't say that I was so very much afraid, nor that nfeared for my life at any time. My mood was rather of a quiescent kinds It is true that one does not enjoy being fired at in the dark without knowing where his enemy is, but

on the whole I was quieter than I ever expected to be under such circumstances, and I would counsel every one that may pass through such an experience to be cool and offer no resistance. Our shoes and umbrellas were all taken. Fortunately, one pair out of the three pairs of shoes that I had with me was left, but some of the other passengers lost theirs. My boy had twenty cents on his person and this was also. taken from him.

I do not know that I ever spent the wee small hours of the night in writing a letter to a Chinese Magistrate before, but I did it on this occasion and reported my loss to the San-hing District Magistrate whom I had seen the day before. Was this an attack on foreigners? Oh, no! The robbers were only after money and portable goods, but they really did not get so very much from our boat. But the wonder is that such a state of things could occur on a river that is traversed daily by so many vessels and within thirteen miles of San-hing City where a district magistrate holds his office. Will the powers that be answer this query and prevent in future the recurrence of such an event and not only put the Chinese but also the foreigners in jeopardy of their lives as well as losing all their valuables?

Mr. Editor, I trust you will excuse this poor writing; but I am writing not with my fountain pen which the robbers seized, but with an old rusty nib stuck in the end of a Chinese pen and am dipping the same into a Chinese tea-cup containing a little ink and sitting on the bottom of a boat on a Chinese mat with my knee for my table.

Do I entertain any bitter feelings against the mass of the Chinese? No, I rather pity them, for many of them yearly lose their all. Shall I discontinue my efforts of teaching and healing among such a people that furnish such ruffians? No, the more such scenes occur the greater the need. It is not easy to bear the loss of about \$250 in instruthat is a small consideration in uplifting a and soul.

Yours in behalf of the millions of the Chinese that are not robbers and who dis-

C. R. HAGER.

P.S.—After examining the boat a little more closely I find that several passengers came very near being hit with the deadly missiles, one bullet passing through the boat only an inch or'so from an opium smoker's head. It is with thankful hearts that we record our personal safety when every one of us might have been shot.

No such robbery had occurred on this river San-hing to my knowledge, hence it need not be considered ill-advised for any one to travel upon the same at a time of year when usually overything is quiet and which has been travelled by many foreigners for more than twenty years.

senior missionary of the American Board of | due to our pushing our mains into all positions Commissioners for Foreign Missions in South | in the city, where there is likely to be a good China. He has his headquarters in Hong- | demand for our light. It also includes the cost kong.—Ed., $\mathcal{U}.K.T$.]

THE SHANGHAI BOYS' BRIGADE

INSPECTION BY GENERAL HATTON.

The N. C. D. News, of 3rd inst., says:-Yesterday was a red-letter day for the boys of the 1st Shanghai Company of the Boys' Brigade, for Major-General Villiers-Hatton, G.O.C. at Hongkong, had kindly consented to inspect them at their drill in the Town Hall The recent riot has stimulated recruiting among the lads quite as much as it has among their seniors in the Volunteer Corps, and i spite of the fact that a considerable contingent is away at school at Cheloo there were seventy on parade last evening. This number includes the members of the drum and fife band, which under Bandmaster Mansfield has made simply wonderful progress, seeing that it was onl organised in January and was yesterday able to supply a number of material airs very creditably played. The rush of recruits also exceeded the resources of the company's armoury and some of those in the ranks had to appear been taken, we understand, to supply these de-

When it is remembered that many of the diminutive soldiers on parade yester ay are not much past eleven years old, and that the proportion of recruits is very large, the marching and other inovement done were extremely creditable, and Capt. Hill and his officers have every reason indeed to be proud of their very keen and promising company. There ed, but many more would have attended probably had the interesting occasion been made more widely known.

Major-General Villiers Hatton, with whom was Major Chichester, D. S. Q, and Lt.-Col. Watson (Commandant S. V. C.) arrived at 6 p.m. and was received by the Chaplain (the Rev. C. E. Darwent). After drill the lads were drawn up in inspection order and the General addressed them. He first complimented them on the smartness of their appearance and drill and then reminded them that, by belonging to an organisation like this, they would pick up much knowledge and experience, not only military, that they would otherwise miss. The spirit of which I did expecting that he would leave | emflation, for one thing, was encouraged and that was excellent, as until a lad tried to achieve was also ruthlessly shatched away without an end he never knew how much he could accomplish. He believed himself that a great benefit would be conferred on the British nation I if military training of some sort was made incumbent on every boy and youth, but until that was done, it was greatly to the credit of those who came forward of their own free will to be trained. He pointed out that by so doing they learnt such qualities as keeping quiet and obedient, very difficult for boys. Shanghal being a flat place a most important duty of those, engaged in desending it was in keeping up communication, and this was very largely done trousers. Pitiable sight! There are some by signalling both by flags and semaphores. It was a branch of service which he would like 'specially to encourage, and he had made arrangements through Col. Watson to give a cup to the member of the brigade who at next year's inspection should be found to pass the best

> examination in signalling. The Chaplain, on behalf of the boys, expressed their sense of the honour the General had conferred on them, and their thanks for the encouragement he had given them by his inspection and the offer of the cup which would certainly be keenly contested.

> "General Villiers Hatton-then-withdraw-and the lads were put through a short drill by their company officers before being dismissed.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO., LTD.

`ANNUAL MERTING:

The fifth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held in the Company's offices, St. George's Building, in the forenoon, to-day.

There were present:—The Hon. Mr. R. She wan (in the chair), Sir Paul Chater, Dr. J. W Noble, Messrs. H. P. White, A. Babington, Fung Wa Chun and R. Hancock (secretary). The notice calling the meeting having been

read by the Secretary, The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—There port and accounts having been in your hands since 23rd March will now with your permission be taken as read. The gross profit on our working at Canton and Kowloon is \$61,184.97 and after paying interest on borrowed capital amounting to \$22,218.80% allowing for depreciation \$7.395.35, and deducting other sundry charges there remains \$31,219.89, out of which we recommend paying a dividend of six per cents, equal to \$50,000, and carrying forward \$1,219.82, to next account. As stated in the report the result would have been considerab' better had it not been that the boycett a Canton through a mistaken notion was directed against us, which error it took us son e time to dissipate, and for the high price of coa which was at times as much as 30% higher than it was the previous year. Fortunately the trouble has quite passed away, and as for the latter I am glad to say that the price of coal shows signs of being on the turn, and now that the war demand is over there seems no reason why the market should not return to normal figures. The returns from Kowloon, though still in modest figures, shew a marked increase year by year. The gross returns from Canton were some 30 % higher thin those of the previous year, but nevertheless our workmen are still kept constantly employed on new installations, while we have a very large field for our operations left untouched. Our sales of current expand every month; in fact that expansion is only limited by scarcity of skilled labour, we having to simply train our workmen ourselves. With a ments, medicines, clothing and money; but | concession from the Chine-e Government for lighting up the city of Cinton and areas people that need the salvation of body, mind | beyond our future prospect seems fully assured But of course to keep up with the demand we have had to increase our plant, and to spend money. You will see that besides about \$34,000, expended on lines at Kowloon and countenance such deeds as much as you | Canton we have spent some \$70,000 at Canton on buildings and machinery. With this money we have installed another "Engine Alternator Set," a Babcock and Wilcox boiler and superheater and smaller accessory plant. Further we had to extend the building containing of engines and boilers, and in doing so we had considerable difficulty, owing to the tack of

provision for extension made by the original Chinese proprietors: In fact we began to fear that we should either have to remove the works altogether, or split the plant up into separate stations, neither course being desirable, but fortunately owing to the bunding scheme, and by filling in a creek we have been able to purchase a piece of land which although expensive will afford us' a compact power station, quite large enough for all ordinary requirements. The extension work on this site was necessarily expensive, as a hard bottom for our foundations could not be found, so the heaviest description of piling was [Rev. Mr. C. R. Hager, M.D., D.D., is the | necessary. The capital expenditure on lines is of a submarine cable across the river to Honam We have still, however, to make further additions this year to keep up with the demand. In making these extensions, we have, as coal has proved such an item, felt justified in turning our attention to some of the latest systems of generating electricity

from fuels other than coal; as a result o these investigations we decided to order a Diesel oil engine. This type of engine works on a new principle, and is without doubt very economical, and we feel confident from the inquiries we have made that we shall effect a considerable saving in fuel by this change in our type of engines. We have therefore placed an order for one 200 H.P. Diesel engine our present steam sels. Our weak point is still our finances. You will see that by paying t heavy commission we managed to float 200,000 of new capital which we could not otherwise dispose of, and that in this way we have improved our position, and reduced our bill for interest which should be still less this year, but money on loan cannot be always depended upon, and if we are to do all the busi- | the goods? ness which we can see before us, we must get

are certainly very good. I shall be pleased to answer any questions. The Chairman-No questions being asked, beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented, be adopted.

more money. That probably will not be easy,

valuable concession, our business is now on an

paying basis, and our prospects for the future

but it should not be impossible, for we hold a

Dr. J. W. Noble seconded. On the motion of Mr. Fung Wa Chun. seconded by Mr. A. Babington, Sir Paul Chater, Dr. J. W. Noble and Mr. H. P. White were reelected to the Consulting Committee.

Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Gourdin were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year. on the motion of Sir Paul Chater, seconded by Mr. H. P. White.

The Chairman—That is all the business, gentlemen. I am much obliged for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

The meeting then terminated.

AMERICAN BANKER IN JAPAN HONOURING MR. J. SCHIFF.

Minister for Finance, gave a dinner in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schiff and party. There were present :- Mr. Wilson, U.S. Charge 'd'Affaires, and Mrs. Wilson; other members of the U.S. Embassy; Marquis Saionji, Viscount Tanaka, Minister for the Imperial Household: Mr. Matsuoka, Minister for Agriculture and Commerce : Baron Komura, Mr. Chinda, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs; Baron Shibusawa, Baron Iwasaki, Mr. Matsuwo, Governor of the Bank of Japan; Mr. Takahashi, President of the Specie Bank & Mr. Soyeda, President of the Japan Credit Mobilier, Limited Mr. Sonoda, President of the Nobles' Bank, and Mr. Hayaknwa. General-Director of the Mitsui Bank. During the evening the Minister for Finance welcomed Mr. Schiff, and spoke in the highest terms of the valuable services rendered by him in the flotation of Japanese loans in America.

The Tokio Municipal Council has decided to give a reception to Mr. Schiff and Mr. Malcolm, Japanese Honorary Consul at Melbourne, who is also now in Takio .- Japan Chronicle.

ADMIRAL Baron Yamamoto, ex-Minister for the Navy concluded his inspection of the Port Arthur fortifications on 27th ult., and left for Chinhai Bay, Korea, the same day.

"SBAQUAKE IN HONGRONG.

STRANGE EXPERIENCE IN THE HARBOUR

An extraordinary experience befull the yes-

sels in the harbour last evening when what is known as a seaquake occurred. About o'clock the breeze died away and a sudden stillness came over the water. Then there was a surging of the 'sea, which lashed uself into an effervescence; the ships rocked, and doors banged to the consternation those on board. According to the chief engineer of the Fatshan that vessel was lying at her wharf when the unusual commotion amazed everybody. Everything on the ship was shaken up by the eruption, and for fully five seconds the vessel was rocking, while the ropes were strained to breaking point Although there was no wind, the sea was surging around the Fatshan and there was every evidence of a violent sanguake having occurred. At Yaumati, the junks and sainpans were thrown against the quay-wall and several sustained serious damage. The frightened occupants in several instances hastily hoisted sail and left their moorings, but the shocks subsided within a few seconds. Curiously enough only a few people realised what had happened, the majority believing that the disturbance was due to the passing of some large steamers proceeding simultaneously in the same direction. It is said that one or two on shore felt an earthquake but, this has not been authenticated. It seems to be the general opinion, however, that it was a seaquake that happened, and it was certainly a strange and cerie sensation, which none of the sailors in port desire to experience again, and which all the native sailors on the Chinese junks and sampans will hold in abhorrence.

> ANOTHER PIRACY. OUTSIDE LYEEMOON PASS.

FISHING JUNK HELD UP. On Sunday morning the crew of fishing junl No. 14350H walked into Shau-ki-wan Police Station and made a report that their junk had been held up and robbed by pirates not fa 'away from the Colony. According to the report made by the master of the junk, it was stated that about four o'clock on the morning of the 5th instant, when near Futau-Chau island, outside Lycemoon Pass, they had jus lowered their nets to commence fishing, when suddenly a noise from the after part of the junk told them that strangers were abroad. The three men of the crew were ordered to throw up their hands, by about seven armed men, under threats of being fired at. Th 'crew were then searched and the master's key: were removed, while the fishermen were lock ed in the hold of the junk. What happened after this the crew were unable to say, but when they succeeded in getting on deck again the pirates had decamped with \$45 worth of money and clothing. They made for Hongkong yesterday and gave information, but they state they are unable to identify the pirates.

ROBBING A JUNK IN DISTRESS

CREW OF HOK-LO JUNK ARRESTED.

The thunderstorm in the forenoon yesterday was the cause of some damage occurring inside this harbour, and from accounts now to hand time of it. At the time of the squall the boat was sailing near Po Tai O. New Territory, about twelve miles from the Colony, when all at orce a strong gust of wind caught the sails and caused her to turn turtle. Four Hok-to junks, skil and steered for the ill-starred junk. They rescued the crew of the fishing-junk, which consisted of nine persons, from the water, attached a tow-line to the capsized junk, and towed her I near to the beach at Po Tai O, where they righted her. There they landed the rescued crew and then, it was alleged, began looting the junk, stealing \$110 in bard cash, a musket. and other goods to the value of \$155. The alternator set which will work side by side with fishing people succeeded in getting to Shau- will be settled - Japan Chronicle. ki-wan and there reported the matter at six o'clock last evening to Inspector Robertson A launch was hired, and the crew of the Hok-

to junk eventually captured. They were charged with thest before Mr. F. A. Hazeland this morning. Mr. Hazeland-Did they say that because

they saved your life they were going to take

Master of junk-Yes.

Evidence was heard as to the finding of the clothing, etc., on board defendants' junks. The defendants said that the things they were charged with stealing were given them as compensation for saving their lives.

Mr. Hazeland (to complainant)—"id you promise to give them anything as compensa-His Worship told the defendants not to do

tion?-! did unt. this sort of thing again, and bound them over in the sum of \$100 each to come up for judgment when called upon.

AN ELEPHANT'S REVENGE.

INCIDENTS IN THE HARBOUR.

Two sampanmen had the greatest surprise of their lives vesterday afternoon, and the shaking up they received will in future be a lesson to them. For the greater part of the afternoon a crowd of coolies were on board the steamer 'Yochow teasing Spampani's elephant, by offering it sugar-cane and when the animal stretched out its trunk to receive the gift, the coolies around would strike the animal. Enraged by the treatment it had received the elephant suddenly, when nothing was expected On the evening of the 28th ult., Dr. Sakatani, by the gaping crowd, picked up a coolie by its trunk and threw him overboard, the unfortunate coolie landing at the bottom of a cargo-boat that was moored alongside the vessel. This revenge of the elephant caused the crowd to disperse, but later in the asternoon the teasing was again indulged in, with the result that the same elephant lashed out at another coolie. catching him squarely on the jaw and causing. his head to come in violent contact with the steel partition of the vessel. The coolies were then ordered off the vessel.

> THE Diplomatic Corps in Tokio will be invited to witness the grand military review to 30th inst. in Tokyo, in celebration of the triumphal return of the Army from Manchutia. witness the review as far as accommodation of naval squadrons in the Far East representing Treaty Powers, and those stationed at Japan to witness the review.

JUSTICES MEETING.

At the Magistracy this afternoon, Mr. F. A. Hazeland, presiding, a meeting of the Justices of the Peace was held to consider an application from one Joseph Henry Newbold for permission to remove the business now carried in by him under an adjunct licence on premises No. 51, Des Vœux Road Central aunder the sign of "The Owl Grill Room" to premises Nos. 47 and 49; Des Vœux Road Central, There being no police objection, the appli-

cation was granted. The second application was from one Albert W. Slaton for the transfer to him from one Antonio Fonseca of the adjunct licence to sel by retail intoxicating liquors on premises. No. 13, Queen's Road Central under the sign of The New Connaught Hote

The application was granted unanimously.

THE DISASTER AT TAKASHIMA THREE HUNDRED AND SEVEN VICTIMS.

The Kakise shaft, where the disaster occur el, has always been considered dangerous owing to the presence of gas, by the officials and special care has been taken to ensure avainst accident: There was no indication of danger when the

niners commenced work on Wednesday morning and it is not known what caused the accident. At ten o'clack the explosion occurred and almost immediately flames burst out of both pit-mouths; the cage and ventilators were damaged and the former became unworkable, At 10.25 a m. the sames appeared to be extinguished and half-an-hour later smoke ceased | special knowledge of general affairs. o rise from the pit. At noon the air in the mine was tested by means of a lamp and it was found to be safe to descend. At 2 p.m. search party entered the mine, but could not proceed any distance and appearances indicated that the whole of the men who were in the

mine at the time of the explosion had perished. As soon as the occurrence became known. the miners off duty and workmen above ground assembled at the pit, but remained orderly. Three clerks, who were in the underground office, perished in the disaster. At 7 p.m., the ventilator being again in

working order, an official and five miners descended to search for bodies. They could only proceed 140 feet. Up to yesterday morning, 37 bodies had been recovered; some of the victims were burnt and others were asphyxiated. The miners are giving every assistance in the sad work of recovering their late com rades. The whole of the victims are not ex pected to be brought up until to-morrow morn

Mr. Yuasa, Chief Superintendent of Police n Nagasaki-ken, and two officials of the Mining Administration Bureau at Fukuoka proceeded to the scene of the disaster yesterday at noon -Nagasaki Press.

> RUSSIAN FISHING KIGITIS IN SAGNALIEN.

GOVERNMENT DIFFERENCES.

A disagreement has occurred between the the State Treasury. War Office at Tokio, the Department Office, as to whether the charters for fishing. ralien, which has now been taken possession of by Japan, should be confirmed. The War Office and the Department of Agriculture, and Commerce are absolutely opposed to the confirmation of the charters, while the Foreign we learn that a large fishing junk had a bad. Office-though agreeing with the theoretical aspect of the contentions of the other Departs ments—maintains that the war, prosecuted in the cause of civilisation, must be terminated in the bond market. By the amendment exthe same spirit.' Intercourse between Japan and Russia will be disturbed if the former de- | Government will be placed in a more adwhich were in the vicinity dragging corals, set prives Russians of these rights, and it is not advisable to create any friction over such a

A few days ago the Director of the Administration of Kabafuto, who is now in Tokio. and the Ministers for War, Foreign Affairs, and merce, held a conference to discuss the question. A further conference is to be held in

THE DUTY ON RICE IN JAPAN

SOME STRONG CRITICISM.

By the passage, with some amendment, of he Customs Tariff Bill through the Diet, the temporary duty of 15 per cent, on rice has become permanent. The people believed that the country was engaged in a sanguinary warwould be repealed when peace was restored, says the Tokio Mainichi. The Government proposed in its Tariff Bill to make rice dutyfree while it remains dutiable under the warax arrangement, thus leaving it to be supposed they had no intention of perm nently taxing the grain. At the Committee meeting of the ower House, however, it was proposed to include rice in the regular tariff, and the proposal was assented to by a large majority: Tois move was made in the name of "protection for farmers," as is done in the United States, Canada, and Germany. Subjects of this kind are no longer discussed in a full House, where representatives of all classes of land-owners predominate, in an impartial, and di-interested manner. It is simply a question of cause and effect. Looked at from the point of view of general public welfare, this elfish proceeding on the part of representatives of landed interests is certainly indensible. However much as Japan may strive. to increase her rice-crops, it would be wellaigh impossible to produce sufficient rice to at the annual rate of half a million.' The restriction of imports by means of a tariff, oblivious of the insular position of Japan, and thereby artificially enhancing the cost of living, is

this unpopular measure, an incident which Kobe and Nagasaki. In connection with this shows that the so-called House of Representa- | enterprise it may be noted that a great deal of tives does not represent the views of the people, but those of only a section. It is the Philippines. The reluctance of American working for their own food and having little by the Japanese who look upon the prospects to sell. The rise in the price of rice is a serious | held out by Philippine enterprises as undisadvantage for small farmers. These latter, usually promising. The promoter of the in order to make up for the shortage of food, be held by his Majesty the Emperor on the are obliged to work at some secondary occu- Manila, who were led to make application pation, such as sericulture and spinning, so to Japanese capitalists because they believed that they, too, will not profit by the Tariff. In Foreign officers will also be privileged to short, the only persons, who will profit by the establishing the line could not be effected in high price of rice are the large landed prowill allow, and it is expected that the officers prietors, whose interests are well looked after by Midalgo, who is prominent among the prothe Lower House at the sacrifice of their poorer | moters, has been concerned with the antifellows. If universal suffrage had been in force Hongkong, Kiaochau, Annam, Tonkin, and in Japan, or even the property qualifications of the massacre of Captain Farley and his men in Manila will go to Tokio to participate in the | electors had been lowered, the House would auspicious occasion. The Emperor of Korea not have been able to do as it has This charged with running guns to the natives. Inhas appointed the Minister for Finance, who is incident, however, should serve as a further I fluence was brought to bear at Washington, also a General of the Korean Army, to visit incentive to obtain the speedy extension of the and he was pardoned on his promise to stop franchiso, - Jopan Chronicle.

logically and fairly.

CANTON-HANKUW RAILWAY

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

ABOLITION OF TAXES.

[From Our Correspondent.]

Canton, April 6th. A meeting of the shareholders of the Yeut Han Railway Co. was held at the Oi Yuk Hosp tal yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of

arranging for the election of officers. Foo-lai-sang was appointed chairman of the meeting, Hau-hay-chiu speaker, and Kangngan-nam secretary. It was agreed :--

That the 72 guilds and 8 charitable institutions should jointly decide upon the first officers of the Company subject to final approval of the main body of shareholders, namely,-President of the Chamber of Commerce shall nominate 3 men; the 7 hospitals shall nominate 3 men; it of the guilds (viz.; bankers, silk, pawnshops, small pawnshops, rice, salt piece goods, medicine, cotton, fancy goods, and exporters of silk) shall each nominate 2 men, while the remaining 61 gu lds shall each oominate i man.

In presenticg nominations the following information shall be submitted :- name of man, to what guild he belongs what district and province he comes from, his address, his business, what office he is nominatand to fill. While it must be understood that his appointment shall be only temporary, he is to receive no salary, he must be of good character, must be wealthy, and must possers some TAXES ABOLISHED.

The Viceroy yesterday announced the removal of the several additional taxes levied some time ago for the purpose of raising lunds for the railway.

THE JAPANESE RAILWAYS.

METHOD OF PROCEDURE IN THE PURCHASI

The first step to be taken by the Government towards the purchase of the railways under the new Act is the establishment of an office under the control of the Minister of Communications, This office will undertake the management of efficies relating to the purchase of the lines, and the regulations governing the new office will be published in a few days. It is believed Mr. Nakashoji, Vice-Minister for Communications, will take charge of this office, its staff being I selected from the present officials of the Rail. way Working Bureau and the Railway Bureau. The office will exercise the utmost diligence to prevent unscrupulous use being made of lines and rolling-stock, and the neglect of repairs by any company pending the purchase of the lines by the Government.

During the coming fiscal year the purchase of the Scoul-Fusan Railway and two or three of the principal lines in Japan will be effected, and the expenses required for working these lines will be defrayed out of the reserve fund in

·By the amendments made by the Diet, the Agriculture and Commerce, and the Foreign | number of railways to be purchased has been reduced to seventeen, fifteen of the less imrights held by Russians in the south of Sag- | portant lines being excluded from the list as originally proposed by the Government, . This amendment results in a reduction of no more than Y28,244,000 in the amount of bonds required to be issued for the purchase of the railways, the value to be paid for the seventeen lines amounting to Y442,742,319. The amendment in this respect, therefore, will probably have no effect upon the anticipated decline in aluding all but the most profitable lines, the vantageous position for working the railways

A vernacular contemporary observes that the smaller lines, such as the Narita, Tobu, and Omi, which have been excluded from the list to be nurchased, by reason of their running beof the Department of Agriculture and Com- I tween the national lines, have no prospect whatever of development. The original form of the Bill contained the principle of nationalization, tew days, when it is expected that the difficulty | but the spirit of the Bill has now been completely altered by the amendment, and now can only result in the suppression of the smaller private lines. It is remarkable that the Government should have so lightly agreed to this amendment which has perverted the whole spirit or primary object of the Government in putting forward the measure. It is also extraordinary that the Nankai Railway should be excluded from the list of lines to be nurchased. In defending the Bill in the proceedings in Committee, General Terauchi, this duty-which came into existence while | Minister for War, laid particular stress on the value of the Nankai line-from the strategical point of view—in preventing a possil le enemy landing at Kii Point. Our vernacular contemnorary asks whether the Minister for War is now able to use this line under private ownership for military purposes to his satisfact on, or was his defence only an ar, ument advanced just to fit the occasion. The seventeen lines to be purchased are: —The Hokkaido Colliery Railway, Hokkaido Railway, Kyushu, Sanyo, Nippon, Kwansai, Hankaku, Sangu, Ganyetsu, Hokuyetsu, Kobu, Soba, Bosh, Nango, Kyoto, Nishinari, and Tokushima Railways .- Japan Chronicle.

JAPANESE SHIPPING ENTERPRISE,

NEW LINE OF STRAMSHIPS TO MANILA

Mr. Miller, chief of the Manila Bureau of Navigation, reports that a steamship line, financed in Japan, is to be inaugurated between feed the entire population, which is increasing | Manila and Japan. One of the promoters of the company is Mr. Raphael de Castro Midalgo, chairman of the Manila Chamber of Commerce, who recently sailed from America for England, where he is to purchase six steamships denounced by all who consider the question | having a gross tonnage of about 2,000 tons each. The service that it is proposed to establish Despite the fact, continues the Mainichi, between Manila and Japan will be a tri-weekly that the opposition was very strong outside the one. Yokohama will be the main Japanese House, the latter body did not hesitate to pass | port of the line, and calls will also be made at lapanese capital is now finding its way to the wealthy farmers who desire the price of rice to financiers to invest money in the islands until be increased, the middle-class farmers mostly | the railroads are built is not being followed company are business men, resident in that the raising of the needed money for American sources. Mr. Raphael de Castro American causade in the Philippines, and after the interior (about five years ago) was arrested, supplying the natives with guns,

THE PARTNERSHIP ISSUE.

THE LAI HING DANK.

"In Bankruptcy Jurisdiction this morning. His Honour fir Francis Piggott, Chief Justice, presiding, the case of the Lai Hing Bank, ex parts Wong Ka Chun was continued. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, of Messrs, Brutton, Hett and Goldring, appeared for the Official Receiver, and Mr. M. W. Slade, instructed by Mr. R. A. Harding, represented Wong Ka Chun.

Wong Ka Chun, re-called, said it was true that in 1898 he retired from the Lai Hing Bank, and since that time he had been in his country, and had not returned to the firm as a partner, nor had any shares in the firm. had had nothing to do with the business since his retirement in 1898. He remembered an action brought by Wong Mo Sui against Wong Sing Nam and himself, for dissolution of partnership in the Yuk Loong Chin Kee firm. regards the affiliavit in which he said he was managing partner in the Lai Hing Bank it was the solicitor who made that mistake. That case was decided in his favour, and then he advertised the fact to the world, He did not instruct his solicitor to make that statement, At that time witness was not carrying on business as a banker in Hongkong, and had not done so since 1898. The affidavit produced

was signed by him. Mr. Sharp: This affidavit was translated to you in this Court before you signed it? Witness: I don't remember.

Mr. Shorp: Think again. Witness said it was translated to him and he raised an objection, and told the interpreter that it was not true that he was carrying on the business of the Lai, Hing Bank, but that he only lived there; but the interpreter said it wasn't important.

Mr. Sharp: And the interpreter made you sign it all the same, did he? Witness: Yen.

Mr. Sharp: Did you tell Mr. Wei On that the description was untrue? Witness: I don't remember; I think I may

have told him so. Producing other affidavits to the same effect Mr. Sharp asked witness if he signed them. Witness said he did not remember signing them, and the signatures were not his hand-

Mr. Sharp: It is stated in the pleadings in that case that Wong Ka Chun was a banker carrying on business at that place, and in his defence Wong Ka Chun dill not deny it. . His Honour: But it does not mention the

Lai Hing Bank. Mr. Sharp: No, but it does in the first affidavit, and it lives the address in the second, while he has now specifically stated that he never carried on any banking business since 1898. I submit that is enough, but if your Lordship requires me to go further I shall do

His Honour: Well, it is a question of law. Mr. Sharp: Now, I'll just refer to some petitions to the Viceroy. (In witness): Look at that petition and tell us if you authorized those statements concerning the Lai Hing Bank. Witness: I consulted my son in the matter and left it in his hands. I did not know who wrote the petition, and did not authorize the

statements. Mr. Sharp: But you previously stated that you gave an outline for the petition. Mr. Slade: No, that is not so; he said his

son did it all. His Honour: I have it in my notes that he said he gave his son an outline, but did 'not know who wrote it.

Mr. Sharp: Did you authorize either your son or the writer to state that for several years before the bankruptcy of the Lai Hing Bank you had lived in the country?

Witness: No. Mr. Sharp: Then it all looks very like per-

Mr. Slade said he did not quite see how far his learned friend's right went to cross-examine the witness in this way. His Honour: But if perjury is to arise out of it, it will be necessary to have the son, the

writer, and the interpreter to give evidence. Mr. Sharp: Yes, my Lord, certainly if, it becomes necessary.

Mr. Slade: I don't see where perjury comes

Mr. Sharp: If a man goes into one Court and makes a statement on oath and then goes to another and denies that statement on oath he commits perjury. His Honour: But the petition to the Viceroy

is not a document signed in a Court. Mr. Sharp: It was so signed with a view to proceedings, and this Court had had to recognize the Viceroy as a Court of sorts.

Mr. Slade: My learned friend is trying to press that document on the jury (the petition mentioned) for all he is worth, but it is an uncertified document, and there is not one jot or tittle of evidence to show that it is even an approximately correct translation.

Mr. Sharp: My learned friend knows as well as I do the great difficulty in getting guaranteed accurate translations of Chinese documents which exists here. However, I shall leave that point entirely, in your Lordship's

Mr. Sharp (holding up a book): Did you authorize your name to be put in this book as treasurer of a company to be formed in America, with Ma Fa Ting as one of the partners?-No. (Handing him the book) Have you ever seen the book before?-Never; I know nothing

about it at all; Mr. Sharp: Then do you mean to tell us that you never saw that duplicate copy of this book, which your solicitor is now holding in his hands ?-Well, I may have seen it.

Then you know what is in it?-I have been told, but I did not authorize the entries. Mr. Sharp: Now, as regards the affidavit you signed in 1904. I put it to you that you did instruct your solicitor that you were the

managing partner of the Lai Hing Bank, and that you made that statement for the very best of all reasons, that it was true? Witness: No. I did not use the words

"Tsze, tsze, tung ka (managing partner), 'nor tell my solicitor to do so. Mr. Blade then re examined witness, after

reading extracts from the affidavits referred to. when witness said after retiring from the Bank in 1898 he severed his connection with the Bank for good and all, and never re-joined

Mr. Slade: My learned friend has asked you about a registration of the partners of the business. Is there a registration of partners in Hongkong?-Yes, at the Registrar's office. Did you register the partners of the Lai Hing

Bank ?-Yes." is that the registry?-Yes; that is my name first. The Lai Hing did an extensive business, and was the biggest firm of which I was a

Ma Fa Ting said he was the manager of the-Lai Hing Bank at the time of the failure and

had been so since July, 1898. Mr. Slade: Did you purchase shares in the business?-- I took over Wong Ka Chun's shares. Wong Ka Chun had been the managing partner provious to 1898. After witness bought his shares Wong Ka Chun had no fur- deed has a prosaic commercial question ended which contained fruit and vegetables, and ther interest in the business from that time, so calamitously for one section of the parties | carried them off. Their chagrin may be better and the char e of partners was registered at to a sult, Eight witnesses for the Official Re- imagined than described when they discovered the Registrat-General's office. Wong Ka Chun | celver-one of whom was absent-were, at the | what had happened.

continued to live on the first floor of the premises of the business after his retirement, and he paid \$20 a month for his board and lodging. Witness remembered the creditors' meeting on 9th February, 1905; he was present, and Wong Ka Chun never addressed the meeting at all. Witness did not know a man named Wong Sai Ho. If such a man said that Wong

Ka Chun addressed the meeting he said what was not true. The business was carried on as usual after that meeting, and a new set of hooks were opened. A number of creditors brought actions and obtained judgments against the Bank, so witness went to Canton to collect money from some of the debtors of the Bank, and when there he heard that some of the creditors had seized the business in Hongkong. The book, produced, contained the names of the partners who took over the business in 1898, with the

amount of their shares. Mr. Slade: Mr. Wakeman has said that book is a forgery; it is so clean:--It lies always in the safe and is seldom touched, as it is not required. There were no other partners than those appearing in that book. Wong Ka Chun's name did not appear there because after 1898 he ceased to be a partner in the business, and Wong Ka Chun was not, therefore, a partner, or in any way connected with the Bank at the time of the bankruptcy.

In cross-examination by Mr. Sharp, witness said the active partner in the 30th year (1904) was himself, and no other in Hongkong, and for a short period the same applied to 1905. Since 1898 onwards till the time of the tailure there was no other partner resident in Hongkong-that is no active partners, had there were two dormant partners, who had nothing to do with the business. Since 1898 there has been no change in the partners of the firm. As regards the books of the firm that are missing he only knew that they were in the hands of the accountant, but his whereabouts were unknown, though witness had looked for him but could not find him.

Mr. Sharp: Have you tried to get him here Witness: Well, he is not in my employ now, so I don't know whether he would come, but if you want me to I will try to get him here. have written to him about the books, but had no reply, so I do not know if they are in his possession now or have been destroyed. In a banker's business the books are destroyed at the end of the year when the new set is

destroy your ledger? after it has been entered up in the new book the | the master (Captain Sims), officers and Chin- | looks very fine drawn and a bit short of muscle old one is laid aside. Witness, continuing, said | ese crew, which she had taken off the ill-fated | so will improve a pound or two before he at the creditors' meeting he proposed that they wait for half their money for nine months and an- | Sydney. It appears that the Agintouri, which | tored; he has improved vastly since the meetother nine months for the balance. Wong Ka | was proceeding to Hongkong with a cargo of | ing and now gallops in much more determined Chan did not propose the reduction of time to | coal, struck an uncharted reel to the west of | manner; he might possibly regain his Shangsix and twelve months, that was witness's own | the island of Palau, in the Carolines group, | hai form. I have a sort of sneeking regard for second proposal as the creditors refused to | and became a total wreck. It will be remem- | Pathan, but what can a poor little sub possibly agree to the first. No one else addressed the | bered that this same vessel was the cause of | do against the great Ah Chow's griffins. redictors at that meeting. Witness was a part- | much speculation among shipping circles | At all events one can say that the cup is ner and drew money as such, but he never | some 18 months ago when she was wrecked on | a very open affair and should be productive of but not his capital. There was no book kept showing the amounts paid to each partner; witness drew a lump sum and that was entered, and then he divided it among the partners; but no entry of such division was made.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Wakeman sold the Lai Hing Bank to Lau Pak for \$26,600, did he not?-Yes, I think so, . . .

now?-No: I would like to be in it again, but again, I left the Bank on the 8th March, 1905 and have never been there since The case is proceeding.

10th inst. The case for both sides having been completed last night, and Mr. Slade having reviewed the evidence of his witnesses, addressed the

Mr. Sharp, in making his statement, said that the most conclusive evidence against a man was his own statement made at a time when it was neither to his interest nor to his detriment to make such a statement. In this case Wong Ka Chun had been proved to have made the statement that he was a managing partner in the Lai Hing, so late as in 1904. Mr. Sharp then proceeded to quote authorities in support of his point regarding a man's own statement, and then went on to say that an affidavit was a most solemn declaration, and that for this reason special people were appointed to swear in those signing such documents after having thoroughly interpreted. and explained the contents to the person so signing, and the last clause in affidavits was an acknowledgment of the fact that they signed the same "honestly believing the same to be true." Here the man who now tried to set up a claim that he was not a partner had signed and filed not only one but five affidavits in which he described himself as "Managing partner

of the Lai Hing Bank," His Honour: There have only been two affidavits filed in the pleadings, Mr. Sharp: If my memory bears me out there are five referred to; if I am wrong I'm

There was a prolonged search of the record which disclosed three affidavits.

Mr. Sharp then continuing his address referred to the contents of the affidavits and said hey were either true or comprised a perjury. His Honour: No, no, I don't think you can put the question of perjury to the jury.

Mr. Sharp! And why, my Lord? His Honour : Because it is immaterial. Mr. Sharp : It is immaterial; my Lord, but submit that it is a point.

His Honour: But, as you said, as there was no inducement to make the statement and it was perjury—it was a lie, but not perjury. leave it entirely in your hands. Now, as to

the partnership book, on which they rely so I much, it is believed to be unreliable. which I think need not be gone into.

it to be a forgery. His Ponour: But that is immaterial.

Mr. Sharp: No, my Lord, it is not immaterial as it was a statement on oath. His Honours I don't think it was on oath.

by Mr. Wakeman on oath.

His Honours I have no recollection of that statement, Mr. Sharpt Mr. Wakeman made the state. ment on oath in the witness box. Your Lordship will no doubt find it in your notes. His Honour! I find here that Mr. Wakeman

said "I formed the opinion that it was a Mr. Sharp: Ah, yes; I made the mistake of saying "he believed," instead of "he formed the opinion."

fith inst. SENSATIONAL SCENE IN COURT.

GYMKHAMA NOTES.

that they had been guilty, of conspiracy were The first meeting of the season already adsentenced to three months' imprisonment. The vertized for and due to take place on Saturday shock to the witnesses, as well as to the spectanext, the 14th inst., promises to be one of the tors, will not readily be forgotten. They were most sporting ever held under the auspices of the Club. Never were such good ponies bought bers of the native community well known in or kept over; 'never were they so well trained Hongkong, and the sensation felt by those of fit never were owners so sanguine: in conwho witnessed the withdrawal of these men nection with which latter item, the words of a Poet Laureate are very applicable. He Prior to the summing up, it was intimated

that the parties concerned had decided mutually to compensate the jury for their exhausting The Chief Justice then summed up. The jury retired at 5.5 p.m., returning ten as well be dead." minutes later with the unanimous finding that

Hing firm at the time that firm became bankrupt. His Honour therefore gave judgment with costs for Wong Ka Chong.

THE SENSATION.

Wong Ka Chong was not a partner in the Lai

conclusion of the case, summarily brought be-

fore the presiding judge and after being told

all Chinese of high commercial standing, mem-

under escort was trying in the extreme.

Then came the sensation of the day. Seven witnesses who had given evidence or behalf of the Official Receiver, were called up and when they were lined up before him; the Chief Justice sternly addressed them. He said that they had, to his mind, been guilty of a most flagrant conspiracy to defraud Woug Ka Chong, and had been guilty of the most corrupt perjury; in virtue of the provisions of the law which empowered him to deal with such cases he committed each of them to gaol for three months, without hard labour. They would forfeit their fees as witnesses and he only regretted that he had not the power to make them pay the entire costs of the creditors

sentence seemed to stupely the wit nesses, who turned at the command of the constables and dumbly left the Court. Addressing the Jury His Honour thanked them for their attendance and said that in con sideration of the length of the case their names would be kept out of the jury list for two years.

THE WRECKED "AGINCOURT.

CREW ARRIVE IN PORT.

Mr. Sharp: Do you mean to tell us that you | the s.s. Agincourt is a total wreck, and has | it and though not distressed will not try. been abandoned. The s.s. Germania, which Donnybrook has gone one better than all the Witness: No, I don't mean it is destroyed, but | arrived in port on Sunday evening, brought up | rest and put a mile behind him in 2.14. He vessel on her way up to Hongkong from starts. It is a pity Mikosh has not been enoverdrew his account with the Bank; he drew | the Paracels, and after successful, but lengthy, | much betting on the Pari, money on account of his share of the profits, | salvage operations, safely placed in the Kowloon docks, whence she later issued to all intents and purposes a new ship. But the predict a winner as so many things might haptroubles of the vessel did not end there as the crew refused to proceed north in her on the ground that she was carrying coal which was then contraband of war, and a new crew had to be shipped. The sis. Agincourt was a steel crew steamer of 4,232 registered tonnage, class-Have you anything to do with the Bank | ed too A r at Lloyd's and was built, in 1904, at Northumberland, by the Newcastle Shipbuild-I don't know whether they would take me in ling Company for the Agincourt S.S. Co. (Lloyd and Co.).

> SCENES IN MACDONALD ROAD CURIOUS EUROPEAN CASE.

The noise of police whistles blowing, followed by the breaking of glass, drew the attention of an Indian constable, at a house at No. 112, Macdonald Road, Kowloon, at midnight, on the 6th instant. The policeman rushed up the staircase and found the trap-door on the third floor barricaded. He forced the trap-door and the occupants, numbering about ten Europeans, got on to the roof of the building and crossed to the adjoining building. Several officers had then gathered in the building and the cries of "save life" drew them to the roof, where they found the occupants attempting to hide. There were several women there. A summons was issued with the result that the occupier, a woman named Lily Geet, appeared before Mr. Melbourne, and pleaded guilty to being disorderly. Inspector Langley informed the Court that there had been several complaints as regards this house. He would not ask that the desendant be fined, but simply bound over. His Worship bound her over in the sum of \$100 to be of good conduct for one year.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

IS IT CHINESE SUPERSTITION?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,-Can you br any of your readers tell me if the following incident is a sample of Chinese superstition? Being much worried by rate at night I told my coolie to set a trap for them, which he did, but which I noticed a few minutes later he had neglected to bait. I then called my boy and was proceeding to tell him to ask the coolie what utility he supposed there not intended to deceive anybody it was not | was in putting an unbaited trap to catch rats, Mr. Sharp:, Very well then, my Lord, I will | "Better belong master no talkee here; all rats can hear and they savee, and suppose they hear master talkie they no come to the trap." All this was said in a serious and His Honour: That is the question of forgery | mysterious whisper, after which the boy took up the trap and returned with it heavil Mr. Sharp: Oh, as to the forgery, my Lord. | baited with cheese. But the next morning have dropped that, although we have it in the cheese had entirely disappeared withevidence that Mr. Wakeman said he believed out the trap closing on the marauder. That night, thinking to make sure of capturing the offending rodent I had a lump of ham securely tied to the hook and the trap set to a nicety for falling, but, behold I in the morning it was discovered that every scrap of the ham had gone Mr. Sharp; It was, my Lord, it was made the way of the previous night's cheese while the trap remained open! When I called my boy and showed him the empty open trap, he grinned blandly and said, "My talkes you so like trats savee too muchee "! I gave it up and am now trying bird-lime |- Yours etc. ANTI-RODENTS.

Hongkong, 10th April.

An amusing story is related by the Stam Free Press. It states that the other day two Chinese cooks commenced to "bet" for the same fowl at Bangrak market, until it reached the handsome figure of seven salungs. The successful bidder laid down his basket to pay the Lengthy as this case about a partnership has | money, whereupon the other set upon him, and | been, it concluded with a denouement so sen. a free fight followed. In the meantime some sational that it was almost tragic. Seldom in | naklengs snatched both the cooks' baskets

"And yet if o'en one racing make was all its All other blooming entered ones might just

Never were jocks so keen, and never has the "Club bar" been less patronized in consequence. Therefore taking all the nevers into consideration we may expect a real good afternoon's sport and some exciting finishes.

The first race, the three-quarter mile event for all subscription griffins, should bring out a good field and will be keenly competed for Speculation, Pathan and Red Herring are all hot stuff and I should look no further for the winner. But rumour hath it, and though she has a lying tongue, we are at times fain to believe her. She says that a dark pony in more senses than one, who usually does his pows when the shades of night are falling, did three quarters in 1.37, and to cap it finished in 29 seconds. I refer to Common Rose. Had a pony doing this time I should imagine the race was all over bar shouting; but as the Shanghai eller boys says "Can see, can savee." The littlenge Cup has produced much Speculation. This word must not be looked upon in the light of a tip, as there are others. Zapeter is looking and moving well; he always was a slug in training and always will be, but he has won over the course and has proved himself a race pony, a game one and a real trier. His noble owner is satisfied that he will:

run well, so what more can be required.

Exchange King has been going; his mile was rattled off in 2.15; this is distinctly useful and he will undoubtedly be there or thereabouts on Saturday. Mr. Brutton usually scores Gymkhanas and Rosthern, I am told, is a perfect hurdle, so he holds a strong hand. Quaich is going strong; his mile also took 2.15, and he finished very strong and going easily. Emerald King is showing the white feather and each It is, of course, now generally known that | time he turns into the straight for home cuts

The Hurdle Race is always good sport for the onlookers and one hardly cares to try and pen to prevent it coming off. Two ponies that are jumping well are Quaich and Doris Castle. Glenburn we know as an old and tried hand and he will take a bit of beating. Several other ponies have to be put over the sticks before Saturday.

The Mile and a Quarter Race will probably bring out the Challenge Cup ponies again and I think the longer distance should suit old-Zappy, but as weights will be an important consideration here one can scarcely hope at this stage to spot a likely one.

The two other events are Tent Pegging and a Ladies'. Nomination, and may be expected to furnish good amusement. Al things considered I can safely prophesy that given few weather the first gymkhana meeting of the season will prove a huge success, both from the point of attendance and

The following times were taken this a.m.:-Donnybrook (Ah Fook), 1 mile, 41, 1.14, 1.50, Mr. D. MacDonald's Highland Whisky (late

Mikosh (Ah Fook), 1 mile, 35, 1.10, 1.44. Maori King (Cegg), 12 mile 2 3.02, lastquar-. Red Herring (Deacon) last 1 ...) ter 34. Doris Castle (Dupree) 4 mile, 1.45, last 35. Velocity Pathan (1 mile, 33, 1.8, 1.44, King (Gegg) Emerald

Ouaich | Apropos of this last gallop Quaich's lock was a tering his reins and did not start with the first two ponies, being fully four seconds behind, and though having to make up all this ground ran Pathan to a close finish. This performance makes the Quaich to be a very dangerous candidate for the Challenge Cup. Emerald King in this pow strode along well for a half mile and then shut up like the proverbial knife, absolutely refusing to try a yard; a truly disappointing pony.

Zapeter (Dupree) cantered a mile in 2.30 with a strong run in the last three furlongs He, too, is a dangerous candidate though think a mile is scarcely far enough for him. Exchange King, Rosthern, Common Rose and Blue Nile, etc. will gallop this afternoon

A TURF ENTHUSIAST.

HONGKUNG GYMKHANA CLUB THE PROGRAMME.

The following is the programme of the first meeting to be held at the Happy Valley on Saturday, 14th April, beginning at 4 p.m !-The following are the Patrons: H. E. Si when my boy astonished me by saying. Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.C.; H. E. Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur W. Moore, K.C.B., K.C.V.O C.M.G.; H. E. Mal Genl. Villiers Hatton, C B. Commodore H. Pigot Williams, R.N.

The members of the Committee are follows The Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club. (ex-officio). Lieut.-Col. Aitken, Major Parker, Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton, C. H. Ross, J. A. Jupp, H. P. White.

Judgo.—Mr. C. H. Ross. Handicappers .-- Mr. H. P. White, and Major Clerk of the Scales .- Mr. J. A. Jupp.

Starter,-Mujor Parker. and Starter .- Mr. W. W. G. Ross, Esq. Time-keeper .- Mr. T. S. Forrest. Hon, Sec, and Treasurer -- Mr. C. G. Mackie, By kind permission of Lleut.-Colonel W. G. B. Western, C.B., and the officers of the 2nd Battalion Royal. West Kent Regiment, the

selections :-

THREE-QUARTER MILE FLAT RACE .-- For HongkongiSubscription Griffins of any Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winofficial race to carry 7lb extra 1 of two or more

Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize: A Cup presented by A. Babington, Esq., and prize: \$25. (Entrance fees to go to winner.)

Mr. W. G. Clarke's Pathan. Hon, Mr. C. W. Dickson's Gaberlunzie. Mr. Henchman's Diadem. . Mr. Hickolff's Roscommon (late Common Rose). Mr. D. Macdonald's Highland Whisky (late

Velocity). Mr. C. G. Mackie's Promised Land. Mr. G. C. Moxon's Speculation. Mr. Ottery's Red Herring. Mr. Ottery's Mnori King. Mr. H P. White's Merry Monarch.

Mr. H. P. White's Zapeter. TENT PEGGING. -Best of three runs. Points for pace and style. Open. Entrance fee \$1. 1st Prize: presented by G. C. Moxon, Esq., 2nd Prize: \$25.

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton. Captain H. Gordon Casserly. Mr. W. G. Clarke. Mr. J. E. Gresson.

GYMRHANA CLUD CHALLENGE CUP.-Distance One Mile.-Value to be declared when Cup is purchased. For all China Ponies. Catch Weights at rost 61b. Winners of an open race or open Griffin race 3lb extra: Non-winning Subscription Griffins allowed 5lb. Non-winning Jockeys allowed 5lb. To be won by the pony scoring most marks in the races for the Cup, counting 4 points for a first; 2 for a second; and I for a third. The the pony on a sale. Any winner of the race | blood or not. to carry 5lb extra for each win in subsequent starts for the Cup, but in the event of a pony carrying the penalty not winning, 2lb to be deducted next time he starts. Penalties accumulative up to 15lb. Entrance fee of \$5 to go in the purchase of a memento to the winner of each race, and \$25 to second pony out of the Club funds. At the conclusion of the Season a Cup, value \$100, will be presented to the Owner of the pony obtaining the second highest number of marks,

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton's Kingston, (late Ex-'change King), 10st 6lb. Mr. W. G. Clake's Pathan, tost 6lb. Father O'Flynn's Donnybrook, 10. 6lb.

Mr. T. F. Hough's Emerald, (late Fmeral King), tost 6lb. Mr. C. G. Mackie's Quaich, 10st olb. Mr. S. P. C.'s Blue Nile, tost 6lb.

Mr. H. P. White's Zapeter, 10st 6lb. MARKET RACE, LADIES' NOMINATION .- Competitors start dismounted. The rider will be given a scaled order and basket, which he will take to his nominatrix and dismount. The latter will fill the basket with vegetables as per list, and make out a bill according to the prices on the order; the first rider to return to the judges with a correct supply and account to win. Entrance fee \$3. 1st and and Prizes presented by the Club.

about One mile and a quarter. Catch weights 10st. 8lb. Entrance, fee \$5. 15t. Prize: A Cup presented by J. R. Michael, Esquand Prize: \$25. (Entrance fees to go

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton's Preston, (late Ros-Hon, Mr. C. W. Dickson's Gaberlunzie. Father O'Flynn's Glenburn, 10st 8lb.

Mr. D. Macdonald's Highland Whisky (late Velocity), tost 81b. Mr. C. G. Mackie's Quaich, tost 8lb. Mr. D. Menocal's Doris Castle, tost 81b. Mr. C. H. Ross' Ben Royal, 10st 8lb.

ONE MILE AND A OUTRIER FLAT RACE. Handicap. - For all China Ponies. Nonwinning Joe sys allowed 5lb. Entrance fee 35. 1st prize; A Cup presented by Sir C. P. Chater, Kt., CM.G.; 2nd prize: \$25. (Entrace fees to go to winner.)

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton's Preston (late Rosthern), Mr. W. G. Clarke's Pathan, 10st 11lb. Father O. Flynn's Donnybrook, tost 5lb. Mr. E. G. Ferguson's Forward, 9st tolb. Mr. D. Forbes' Highland nan, 10st 2lb.

Mr. Hickolff's Poscommo (late Common Rose) Mr. T. F. Hough's Emerald (late Emerald King), Itst 21b.

Velocity), 9st 13lb Mr. Ottery's Red Herring, 10st 4lb. Mr. Ottery's Maori King, tost 8lb. Mr. C. B. Pigott's Zanzibar, rost 6lb. Mr. S. P. C.'s Blue Nile 9st; 10lb. Mr. H. P. White's Zapeter, 11st 4lb.

ALLEGED MURDER.

FRISONER DEFORE THE COURT. This afternoon, before Mr. C. A. D. Mel bourne, a Chinaman named Li Lan, was charged with the murder of a native woman at Ping-chau, New Territory, on March 4. Inspector Hanson prosecuted on behalf o

the police, and Mr. Otto Kong Sing defended. P. C. 26 declared that on March 4 last he went to Taipo at 530 p.m., on receipt of message from the C. S. P., that a murder had been committed on Ping-chau Island, in Mirs Bay, Witness with one Lok Tak proceeded to Ping-chau where he arrived at 6.30 p.m. Lok Tak took witness to a certain spot where the body of the deceased was supposed to have been buried. Witness gut som fishermen and with their assistance the body was exhumed, taken on board No. 3 launch and transported to the mortuary. On the 14th March, witness saw the body at the public mortuary in Hongkong and identified it as the body he exhumed.

Dr. W Mam Hunter, of the public mortuary, said that on March 6, he examined the dead body of a Chinese female, aged between 19 and 20 yea s, by name Mo I an. A post-mortem examination was made and he found the cause of death to be due to multiple injuries. Deceased's throat was cut down to the backbone, severing everything in front. There was a deep wound across the back of the neck, a stat wound into the right cheek, and another stab I-wound below the left collar-bone which extended through the arm. In witness opinion there was no evidence of a sever's struggle. The case was adjourned.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE TRACEDY.

Li Lan, fisherman, Ping-chau island, was brought up on remand at the Magistracy to-day on the charge of murdering a native woman named Mo Lan on' 4th March, at Ping-chau island, near Mirs Bay.

Chief Detective Inspector Hanson conduct Band of the Regiment will play the following | ed the case on behalf of the Police, and Mi Otto Kong Sing defended.

Lok Kap Mui, sister-in-law of the deceased woman, about thirteen years of age, deposed that she lived at Tai-tong village, Ping-chau. She had a brother named Lok Tak-and her sister-in-law (deceased) was named Mo Lan. Witness saw the dead body of Mo Lan on 14th March. She lived with the deceased in the village and knew the defendant, who also resides in the village. The first time witness saw the defendant in her house was on by rotation and offer themselves for re-election. ners of an open race barred. Winners of an 31st July, 1905, at noon. He was sitting near Mo Lan, the deceased, in a room, As soon as official races tolb extra, "Off-day" Winners | witness arrived at the house the defendant to carry 3lb extra. Unplaced Ponies in an came out from the back room and left. The official race and previous non-starters allowed second occasion she saw the prisoner was in Sib. Non-winning Jockeys allowed sib, I October, 1905. He was again with his sister

in-law. When defendant saw witness he said "Why did you return so early? You had better go and play." On 3rd January, 1906, she again saw the defendant. He came to witness's house for the loan of a basin, and her sisterin-law handed it to him. On 5th March, 1906, at about 4 p.m., when witness was taking rice with the deceased woman at home, the deceased told witness that after her meal she was not to return to the house again, and that she must get her "chow" elsewhere. That night witness slept in another house, and returned home next morning, but did not see her sister-

in-law in the house. Cross-examined:-Witness had two brothers. One was unmarried. The other's intended wife was murdered. She was sure she was "thirteen years of age, but witness could not count. Although the defendant with his mother and wife lived next door to witness, the latter never entered their house. Witness could not tell the month or year when she was born, she did not remember when last she saw 1, S, 26, nor could she say what date of the month to-day was; yet she could remember the date and year first time she saw the prisoner. Frank Browne, Government analyst, said that on March 15, a jacket (produced) was received by him. The garment was tosted and two small spots of blood were found. The tests indicated that in all probability the blood was not more than six weeks old.

Cross-examined:--Witness could not tell benefit of marks already scored to pass with | whether the spots on the jacket were human Further evidence was called and the case

PRISONER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Li Lan, the fisherman, who is at present on trial for the murder of a native woman named Mo Lan, at Ping-chau Island, on 4th March

C. A. D. Melbourne, at the Magistracy this alternoon. Chief Detective Inspector Hanson prosecuted and Mr. Otto Kong Sing again appeared for

last, was brought up, on remand, before Mr.

the defendant. After further evidence had been adduced, his Worship committed the prisoner to take his trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

MACAO GAMBLING

HONGKONG PLAYERS WITH A "SYSTEM." 10th inst. " Monte Carlo" Wells has many prototypes in Hongkong, although they have to proceed to Macao to give vent to their passion. Usually they maintain that the beauty of the Portuguese | Colony has a peculiar fascination for them, while the tea trip acts a stimulant and re-URDLE RACE.-For China ponies. Distance | freshes them for the rest of the week. In other words, being unable to run backwards and forwards between Macao and Hongkong daily, they select Sunday for the stimulus they believe to be obtained from the balmy breezes that blow over our sister isle. It is to be fenred, however, that while there may be an few who really spend the day in rapt admiration of the sights of Macao, the majority are content with but a hurried glance at that Colony's " Theauties, having more important business to transact in the centre of the city, at the gambling saloons to be precise. There are several coteries in Hongkong who regularly spend the winter Sundays at Macto and almost each has what it calls a "system." As everybody knows "Monte Carlo" Wells had a "system" by which he broke the bank, but when, having in the meantime spent eight years in gool, he again essayed to work that "system" he found that the "system" worked him. He failed egregiously to break the bank-the bank broke him, and all his fine promises to the people who believed in him and financed his "system" were scattered to the winds. On Sunday last one of the Hongkong colories having evolved a system which could not fail, raked together all the ready money they could bey, horrow or commandeer, being firmly convinced that they would return laden with the spoils of the Gambling Farmer. They refused to divulge their "system" at any price. It had been thought out at many sittings, and it was ton valuable to be disclosed to any except those composing the select circle which was going to make its united and individual fortune. They went to Macao and were not seen again until late on Monday evening. Alas! Their faces were longer than their purses. They had left their all with Pantan John, who is still chuckling in Macao. They returned to Hongkong on the chit system, which is still flourishing. And they were willing to state their gambling scheme, which has not made them rich. It appears that very little capital is necessary. With \$25 a gambler

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would be amply provided. You staked \$2 and

went on doubling if you lost. If you won the

winnings were put in one pocket and you kept

on gambling with the origin I capital. If you

lost you still kept on playing until all the \$25

had been exhausted, and then if you could tear

yourself away from the tables there would be

the \$2 or \$3, over from the first winnings. Of

course the party played till every cent was

gone. It was useless to say that this "system"

is as old as the hills and the extent of one's

losses generally depends on the depth of one's

pocket. But these gamblers are not quite

broken down. They have another "system "

which is as jealously guarded, and will probab-

ly be just as readily disclosed next week. One

man of another coterie won \$200-lucky dog!-

they think he must have been on a "system"

and they intend to watch him. They still cling

to the belief that it is possible, on a capital of

\$25 to earn \$500 a month, but \$400 would do at

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the fortieth ordinary meeting, to be held at the Company's offices, on Saturday, the

28th inst., at 12.30 p.m., reads :--In conformity with the special resolutions duly passed and confirmed at the extraordinary general meetings of the Company held on the 16th February and 10th March last, the directors have now to lay before the shareholders the accompanying statement of accounts as at

the 11st December, 1905. The working account for the eight months from Way to December, shows a balance at credit of \$598,294.17 out of which the directors recommend the payment of an interim dividend to starsholders of 12,% (\$3 per share) absorbing 172, 60; a bonus of 15 % to contributors on honus-bearing contributions absorbing about \$60,000, the remainder being carried forward to be dealt with at the next annual

Direct rs.-Mr. A. R. Linton having retired from the Board, Mr. E. Ormiston accepted the invitation of the directors to rejoin the Board, and his appointment will be submitted for the confirmation of shareholders. .

Messrs, E. Goets and A. J. Raymond retire Auditors,-The annexed accounts have been audited by Messrs, T. Arnold and H. U. Jeffries, who offer themselves for re-election.

H. W. SLADE. -Chairman,

. Hongkong, toth April, 1926.

"PLAYMATES." A TRIUMPH OF YOUTHFUL ART.

12th inst. Last night, in the presence of a large audience, an innovation, in the guise of a juvenile Cantata was performed at the Union Church School Hall, by the children of Quarry Bay, under the direction of Mr. Robert Dickson. This histrionic performance was styled " Playmates," and the action of the play was confined to a single day and took place in one scene, vis. :- The lawn outside the cottage of Mother Goose, in the village of Whaurist. There were ten principal characters in the cast, their respective parts being taken as

follows:-... Miss Maggie Hoskins. Mother Gooss, Master Malcolm McNell. farmer Jack, Flora Macdonald, Miss Winnie McNeil. "Masier Heinrich Scheonfelder." Maggie LauderMiss Jessie McNeil. Highlanders.

masterly interpretation of a beautiful and melodious symphony "was followed (to use a dramatic critic's phrase') by curtain raising with silence and lights to match," On the rise of the curtain the audience was confronted by the spectacle of charmingly attired children, a fine since, splendid scenery, and an anistic grouping of incandescent lights.

THE GOLDEN EGG. As a prelude to further delectable musical fore, the choristers treated the company to a superbly rendered opening charus. Jack Goose now appeared in all the fresimess of holiday all present a clue to his identity, let everyone he had the good fortune to possess a goose blessed with truly philanthropic principles and not averse to laying a golden egg each morning... No doubt, many of Jack's friends would liketo possess such a rara avis; but; gold hatching geese are scarce, so Mother Goose seeks to dispel the shadows of disappointment by telling them in dulcet tones how they "may win a

fortune sure, some other way." The means recessary to the achievement of this desired end are then disclosed by the choristers, and lie embodied in the song. "Those who honour their parents." Following this comes Mother Goose's declaration that herself and her son are better off now than they used to be. Furthermore, she thinks, it only right that Jack should devote a portion of his wealth to the augmentation of the happiness of less fortunate individuals; therefore; she is vastly pleased to find so many children | keenly alive to the dignity of the returned warpresent in response to her son's invitation, and trusts they will enjoy in playful sport a happy

A GALLANT FARMER!

Unfortunately, some of Jack's fond companions are not as early on the scene as expected, but, very shortly, Farmer J. ck arrives. He is cordially greeted by Mother Goose and her son, but, to their mutual disappointment, tells them he is unable to stay. Asked for the reason, he, in vivacious style, sings of a giant living at no great distance from Whaurist. backed by the charisters, but also others of like predatory instincts.

However, before entering into the strife, he indulges in a pleasent tôte-à-tôte with his sweetheart-Flora Macdonald, and listens with | bongratulation where it is most deserved delight to her impassioned avowal of love for comes forward to shower her praise upon the "Dear Old Highland Hills and Playmates everywhere." Jack then bids far well to his back and calls for a cheer. The others comply companions, throws a kiss to Flora and leaves determined to kill the giants or die in the in honour of Dick, and he then dances with attempt. To sustain the courage of the girl Annie. Everyone also cut capers wherever he's left behind him, the chorus chant "Little I coom permits: lammies on the lea," Mother Gouse subsequently rendering with charming freshness a plaintive little ditty-"Happy Playmates."

DICK WHITTINGTON ON THE SCENE. Inspirited by her singing all indulge in of his many adventures as set forth in the song speak in a language intelligible to the formerwho presently sets out once more for the metropolis determined to achieve success. Before he leaves. Mother Goose with commendable thoughtfulness, treats him to a little liquid re-

OLD VR'ENDS. At this stage of the proceedings, Annie Laurie, Aunt Sally and Cowboy Jack turn up from "some place east of Suer" to add to the jollifica- respective adventures. Mother Goose takes tion of their playmates. Each sings a song: Annie | these ditties in hand and from them extracts a Laurie's dealing with the braes of Maxwellton | homily which she loses nottime in placing in (her birthplace'; Aunt Sally's bespeaking the the safe keeping of her youthful friends. They amount of drudgery which inevitably falls to the | in return promise to keep her advice ever in lot of someone while the rest of the world is at | view and, when in doubt, do-us she advises. play; and Cowboy Jack's relating the passage [In the west the sun sets to rest; night follows of angry words between himself and his mother | day, and darkness effectually puts an end toarising out of a difference over the price of a | the merrymaking. Lifting their lusty voices in cow. Jack sold this animal for beans only to | unison, the entire company bring down the get more of a different brand on his 'return to | house and the curtain with a magnificent renhome and mother. Luckily for him the invest- | dering of the grand finale "Playmates, now ment in beans proved a profitable speculation I the day is done!

and restored his lost prestige. Lest we forget, it may be here mentioned that a wee little girl of some five or six summers, Miss Aida Dickson, wo rapplause with the raino which were received with applause her sweet singing of the first verse of Annie on the part of those present. A little later as Laurie's contribution, "O. Happy, Happy | the curtain rose for the third and last time, Birthplace." Simple Simon also evoked congra- | Miss Maggie Hoskins advanced to the foottulation with his inimitable piscatoric lexploits. | lights and in the exquisitely expressed "Cool The manner in which he entered unperceived, I covered herself with credit. In response to an appropriated Aunt Sally's stool and wash tub, Lencore, she favoured the audience with that cast a fishing line into the latter, and angled for whales was fully capable of tickling the was made the proud recipient of a lovely risibility of an anchorite.

A MEDLEY OF CHARACTERS. Prior to Simple Simon's exhibition of "foolpidgin," the piece de resistance was placed before the audience. It consisted of a duet, laughter that prevailed throughout his intensely Mother Goose singing "Happy Playmates" in concert with the charisters' interpretation of "Lammies on the Lea." This met with an extremely gratifying recep ion. Reverting | ed the grotesque zigzagging of the chimney paired of catching either a whale or a sprat; I tributed extra verses. that sleep has overcome, him, and in this dormant state he has remained undisturb. A violin and planoforte duet :-- "The Sea is ed by the melody of Cowboy Jack's 'England's Glory" as played by Miss Winnie voice. By keeping hot foot on the trail McNeil and Master Malcolm McNeil won deof the programme, we, at this juncture, served appreciation, and Master George Hosfind Maggie Lander in quest of her lover kins secured universal commendation with his whom she soon discovers, and from pure loy contribution to the extensive programme, sings feelingly of "Com; anions and Play- "Smoke, Smoke, Smoke," The evening's enmates," the chorus taking up the refrain and | tettainment closed with the passing of a vote dealing with it intelligently. During this of thanks to Mr. Robert Dickson, who so ably tub. Simon is left first asleep, fishing rod in acted as accompaniet, and who also had devothand. In this position he attracts the attention | ed every available moment to the training of pokes fun at him. There is an exchange of able drawbacks, such as inclement weather, to Lauder-in the depths of despair.

forth to seek the missing links.

HOLFOR THE HIGHLANDS. jackets, sporrans and kilts hereupon come into Highland Fling in a style suggestive of joy unconfined, are favoured with vociferous clamours for an encore, considerately oblige, and amid a tornado of clapping leave for foreign

Feeling lonely without Farmer Jack, Whitlington and Cowboy Jack, the holiday makers unite in singing "When from playmates we are parted." a song wherein is revealed the hope of seeing the absentees once more. The fall of the curtain at the moment leaves the audience free to comment favourably upon the realistic acting of the children, the superb solos of Mother Goose, the excellence of the dancing, the capability of Jack Goose in the role of Master of Festiviies, and the laughable antics of Simple Simon. THE LAUREL CROWN.

Ten minutes later the curtain rises for the second time revealing as it does so a host of children performing the various evolutions of the Grand March in a fashion dear to the heart of a military martinet. On the retirement of the tramping squads, Simple Simon enters flushed with pride at having so successfully accomplished his mission. To him rush the I ve-sick trip, Flora, Annie and Muggle. Speaking all at once they breathlessly ask:-"Is he safe? When will be be back? Tell the Bimon, as quick as you can." Simon holds up his hands to still their babble and reattire and sang a song, which, besides giving marks:-"Arrah, whisht! Have patience, and I'll tell you all about it." After clearing into the secret of his success in life. It seems his throat, Simon purveys fear-dispelling news to the anxious sweethearts, who, in the excess of their admiration, crown him with a diadem of flowers, throw a floral garland round his neck, and present him with an exquisite bouquet. Mother Goose, the good old soul, deals ost compliments and makes the hero blush by telling him he is as handsome as the Lord Mayor of London.

RETURN OF THE WARRIOR. · An interlude heralds the return of Farmer Jack as Jack the Giant Killer. Towards its finish, Flora crosses the platform. As she is in the centre, Jack comes bounding in and puts his hands over her eyes. Upon this Annie and Maggie excitedly exclaim: - "Guess, who it is?" Flora guesses aright but styles her lover Farmer Jack. To this he objects and drawing his sword, observes:-"Not Farmer Jack, but Jack the Giant Killer." Jack Goose, rior, calls for a hearty cheer. It is given with zest by all. The choristers in a spirit of jubilation. sing, "What a merry, merry meeting". Flora and her adored one afterwards dance round the stage; the rest of the principals "covering the buckle" at the sides while the Highlanders make merry in the rear.

A HAPPY MEETING. The pealing of bells presage the advent of Whittington, and his excited pet, Annie Laurie prepares to welcome him. One moment more Dick stands in the midst of a large circle of admirers. The radiancy of his features betokens the pardonable pride with which he glories in the possession of a mayoral gown and chair. Mother Gouse ever ready to bestow bero. Jack Goose pats him lovingly on the most willingly. The chorus bears repetition

PROM REALMS AFAR. Preceded by music, Jack of the Beanstalk enters, disguised with a cloak. Mother Goose advances to greet the gentleman travelling incog; and remarks "You seem to have travel dance which has scarcely ended, ere Dick | led far, Sir?" The unknown admits the im-Whittington, bundle on shoulder, travel-stained | prachment, and goes on to say he has travelled and tired, comes in time to join the revellers. I in ethereal realins. Mother Goose is inclined A hearty welcome is accorded him, and he tells | to doubt his Honour's word, and is about to question further when Maggie comes forward "My story begins." After the song, the famous | and exclaims "Don't you know who it is, London bells ring out their chimes to which | Mother Goose?" I know. Of course she doeshe and Mother Goose listen intently. They Why shouldn't she? One lover would know another in the dark. It's Cowboy Jack I or rather Jack of the Beanstalk. Jack Goose feels so delighted that nothing short of an ear-piercing ' (iger" will suffice in honour of the explorer. To can it three hearty cheers are given, and a final dance indulged in.

Believing that one good turn deserves another, the three heroes favour their playmates with songs which describe in detail their

MUSIC HATH CHARMS. an introduction to Part III, Mrs. Stubbin a played several lively, and popular airs on perenially charming song "Dreamland," and flower embellished basket.

Dressed as a Gus Elen in embryo, Master John Grimshaw's appearance was welcomed with a spontaneous eruption of laughtercomic delivery of "We all walked into the shop." As he strutted to and fro upon the stage, one felt irresistibly hilarious and watchpot'tile with unabated intensity. Needless to

chorus Aunt Sally enters and takes away her | conducted the piece, to Mrs. Mitchell who compliments; an aspersion is cast upon Simon's mention but one of a host; had brought the fame as a fisher not of whales but of red her- | work of the juveniles to the highest pitch of ring! Cowboy Jack now suddenly finds him- | perfection. Mr. T. Grimshaw for his admirable self in need of a stamp or something and goes | arrangement of the stage and its effects receivoff in a hurry leaving his adored one-Maggie | ed a large meed of thanks and much congratula-Flora, Annie and Maggie, bere't of their Bay ladies and gentlemen forgotten, nor those

gallantly volunteers, and tells of a gallant band I fortune to witness " Playmates" as produced at very near at hand, which at his request will go | the Taikoo Club and at the Union Church! Hall. To sum up, we may without fear of contradiction, assert that the performance last! A body of Highlanders clad in silver-faced night was a huge success—a veritable triumph. for the children. It might be also stated that view to the tune of the "Songs of the moun- | the proceeds from the sale of tickets agreeably tain." With praiseworthy skill they dance the augmented the Union Church Hall New

HONGKONG WATER SUPPLY.

The majority of the residents of the Colony will no doubt just now be sympathizing deeply with the feelings of the "Ancient Mariner" in his bitter cry of "Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink," for notwithstanding the min of the past week, the supply in the reservoirs appears to be perilously near faminepoint! On the 5th inst., we were enabled to state from the report that in the reservoirs up to the previous week there were 62,427,000 gallous of water, which even then was barely a third of the amount in reserve at the same time in the previous year. "But now, notwithstanding the late rains, we find, on inquiry of the Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, that the total water now in the reservoirs of the Colony is 74,000,000 gallons only. This amount, it is anticipated-provided we have not too much dry weather in the meantimeshould last well towards the third quarter of May, when the rains may be expected to set The Hon, the Director of Public Works stated to-day to a representative of the Hongkong Telegraph, that, just as he staved off putting on the restriction of supply of water to the residents till the last possible safe moment, so the restriction will be removed at the earliest possible safe moment. Thus we cannot look for any relief at present.

THE STRANDED "DUMBARTON" IMPORTANT COMMISSION FOR HONG-

KONG ENGINEER.

12th inst. Mr. J. W. Jameson's salvage steamer Cit of Hirmingham left here on the 10th inst-for Indivestock, en route to De Castries Bay. Russia, to attempt to re-float the s.s. Dumbarton, which stranded there with a valuable cargo last November. The contract has been given Mr. Jameson by the London Salvage Association, and he' leaves to-day by mail to join his steamer at Vladivostock and conduct the salvage operations. He is also to survey other wrecked steamers on that coast with a view to re-floating.

THE WRONG MAN.

"CRUELLY" ALLEGED TO BE MARRIED.

12th inst. In the Summary Jurisdiction this morning. before His Honour Mr. A. G. Wise, Puisne Judge, a case of D. R. Captain versus D. Meyer was called, and Mr. D. Meyer stepped

His Honour: Do you owe this money? The summoned man: No, my Lord. His Honour: How is this? Have you got the wrong man?

Plaintiff: The goods were sold to Mrs. D.

His Honour: Oh, yes, I see, the summons made out fagainst Mrs. D. Meyer. (To Mr. Meyer) Are you married ?-No, my Lord. Then what have you to do with this matter? -Nothing whatever, my Lord. All I know about it is that I was served with that

Then I can have nothing to do with you. (To plaintiff): You have pointed out the wrong person to the bailiff; you had better go and serve the woman, and the case will stand adjourned for one week.

A CLOSE SHAVE FROM GAOL.

"I was coming to Court last Friday, in answer to the summons," said a defendant in a case before His Honour Mr. A. G. Wise, in the Summary Court this morning, "when I met the plaintiff and had him arrested." His Honour: Yes, I know, on a false charge

to prevent him coming to Court. Do you not know that to obstruct the administration of justice constitutes contempt of Court? Defendant; I don't know.

His Honour: I have a very great mind to

send you to gaol to teach you a lesson. However, I shall not send you to gaol, but there will be judgment and costs against you, and it the plaintiff brings an action against you for false imprisonment, he'll get heavy damages. In this case the plaintiff had sued his shopmaster for wages due, and on the day set for the hearing of the case the latter looked out for the plaintiff, and with the object of having. the case dismissed he had the plaintiff arrested and taken to the Magistracy, where he was charged with the theft of a cushion and a lamp. There was absolutely no evidence against the accused and he was accordingly of March, 1906. The section in our Ordinance discharged. In the meantime, owing to the absence of the parties from the Summary Court, the claim for wages was dismissed When, however, the plaintiff got clear of the Magistracy, he swore out an affidavit, explaining all the circumstances of the case, and asking for a hearing. This request was granted, the case being set for this morning, and the hearing resulted as above stated.

THE GOLD-BRICK GAME.

SIMPLE HAY SEEDS AND TRUSTING WOMAN.

Chan Chun and Hun Chau, coolies, were charged this morning, at the instance of Inspector Collett, before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, possession of her father. For this purpose, a with obtaining four gold finger-rings from a taking by force is not necessary; it is sufnative woman at First Street, West Point, on ficient if such moral force was used. has proved unfruitful owing to the unwarranted relate, his singing pleased all and sundry and the 5th instant, by false pretences. The means as to create a willingness on the girl's interruption of Jack Goose; that he has dess he was not allowed to retire until he had con- by which the defendants were alleged to have part to leave her father's house. If, howduped the woman are ingenious, but by no means new. Both men met the woman in a quiet place l at West Point and told her that they were now arrivals in the Colony. They had some banks changer's shop. Would the woman kindly | Statute 24 and 25 Victoria, C. 100, with taking | the Company in the place of Messrs. Benjamin, notes to change, but could not locate a money. change the notes for them on being a girl under 16 out of the possession of her Kelly and Polis and that article 56 of the Comremunerated? A parcel containing gonuing father. In stating the law of the case to the pany's articles of association be altered by subbanknotes would be produced. The wo- jury, Bramwell, B., said;-"I am of opinion man was, of course, only too glad to be that if a young woman leaves her father's house of assistance to them. But this did not without any parsuasion, inducement or blandishsuit the men. "How do we know that ment held out to her by a man, so that she has you are honest and will not steal our money?" The woman, with the object of making a few him, although it may be his moral duty to reof Jack Goose, who slaps him on the back and the youthful artistes, and who, despite innumer- dollars by changing their "banknotes" into turn har to her parents custody, yet his not attendance, silver, hands over her Jewellery as security- doing so is po infringement of this Act of in this case four gold rings-takes the packet alleged to be containing banknotes and makes | restore her, but only that he shall not take her for the nearest manaychanger's shop. On opening the parcel she finds that it contains old paper. She hurries back to find the men, pleaded guilty to the charge. The first defen- persuasion, indifferment or blandishment held before he was arrested a few yards away from tion. Neither were the services of the Quarry but they have disappeared. The defendants flances, give expression to their grief in the of the children. The later receiving tokens of dant had a previous conviction of four months' crying sorg "Oh! Oh! Ooohill," then all esteem in the shape of floral tributes from their | gool for 'a similar offence. 'His Worship | evidence her going away was entitely voluntary. aloud for s. me good natured young fellow will- numerous admirers, as well as a round of rous- sentenced delandants to six weeks hard labour. My finding is therefore for the defendant and I stocks for six hours and to go to gaol for three ing to search for their playmetes three. Simon | his cheers from the people with had the good and four hours stocker the process of the discharge.

HONGKONG'S IMPORTANCE 70 AMERICA.

RANKS NEXT TO LONDON.

We are informed by Mr. Wilbur . Gracey, acting merican Consul-General, that he is in receipt of news by private telegram, to the effect that the Bill providing for the re-organization of the American Consular Service has passed two houses of Congre's and become law, and will probably go into effect about the Tit July. This Bill makes many changes for ing right up to that city. the defvice. It provides for the classification of consular off cers in grades; gives the President authority to transfer officers from one station to another; provides an inspection service with five inspectors, who will rank as consuls-general receiving compensation of \$5,000 per autum, and all travelling expenses; requires that all clerks at consulates shall be Americans. It prohibits consuls engaging in law or other business, and requires that all consular fees whether official or unfficial are to be turned into the Treasury. There are seven classes of consuls-general.

the first class being only two, London and Paris. " Under the second class are Hengkong, Shanghai, Berlin, Havana, Hamburg, and Rio de Janeiro salaries of \$8,00 gold per annum Yokohama comes under the third class with \$6,000 per annum : Canton and Tientsin come under the fourth class with \$51500 per annuin; Cheloo, Hankow, Mukden,-Newchwang, and Singapore come under class five with \$4,500 per aunum. There are ten classes of consuls, Liverpool, Manchester, Antwerp, and Marseilles cover the first three classes. Under the fourth class'is found Kobe with \$5,000 per annum junder the fifth class are Amoy and Fouchow at \$4,500 per anoming under the sixth class are Antung, Hangchow, and Nanking' at \$4,000 per annum; under the seventh class Nagasaki with \$3,500 er annum.

The Bill provides that inspection shall be. made of consulates under instructions from the Secretary of State, and that each consular office shall be inspected at least once in every two years. Every consul r officer will be required whenever application is made to him therefor, to administer to or take from any person any oath, affirmation, affidavit, or deposition, and to perform any other notarial act which any notary public is required or authorized by law to do within the United States; and for every such notarial act performed he shall charge in each instance the appropriate see prescribed by the President, which will all be official and turned into the Treasury of the United States. The sole and only compensation that consular officers shall be allowed to receive will be the regular salaries fixed by law. The Bill also provides that every consular officer shall be provided and kept supplied with adhesive official stamps, on which shall be printed the equivalent money value of denominations and amounts to be determined by the United States Brate Department, and whenever a consular officer is required to perform any consular or notarial act, he must affix and duly cancel an adhesive stamp equivalent in value to the fee prescribed, and no such act shall be legally valid within the United States unless such stamps are affixed.

> 、YOR PEAK TRAMWAYS. LITIGATION TERMINATED.

We are authorised to state that all the dissentime shareholders in the recent suit of 1). E. Brown versus the H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., I d., have wold their holdings at \$235.00 per share on the condition that all appeal proce-dings be dropped. As these shares carried a share of undistributed profits up to the 18th Cctober, 1905, which is estimated to be about \$35,00 a share, the dissenticuts get exactly what they were off red in the first instance, viz: \$2 o per share plus dividend. The defendants in the suit will pay the costs in accordance with the judgment of the Court, but as the plaintiffs are liable for untaxed costs, they are worse off than the shareholders who supported the resolutions.

The Tramway Co. will probably lose about Stoloco, but as they have had a year's delay and's year's profit free from opposition, they can well afford it.

ABDUCITNG A NATIVE WOMAN.

In the case in which Chinese constable No. 335 who was charged and remanded recently. at the instance of Inspector Collett, for abducting a Chinese woman at West Point on 27th March last, judgment was delivered by Mr. Hazeland at the Magistracy this forencon, Mr. R. F. C Master (of Messrs; Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared on behalf of the defendant.

In giving Judgment, Mr. Hazeland said:-The defendant was charged before me for that he did unlawfully take or cause to be taken an unmarried girl named Yeung Hang To being under theage of eighteen years out of the possession and against the will of the complainant having the lawful care or charge of the said Young Hang To, contrary to section 26 of Ordinance 4 of .897, at Victoria on the :7th day is a re-enactment of 24 and 28 Victoria, C. 100. S. 55. I reserve my decis on as to the construction to be placed on the word "take" in the said section. In the case of Reg. versus Handley and anoth r I. F. and F. page 6.8. the defendants were charged under 9 Geo. IV C. 31. S. : o, with the abduct pro tem. tion of a girl under the age of 6. This section is exactly the same as the 55th section of the Statute 24 and 25 Victoria C. 100. This latter statute repealed the statute of Gep. IV C. 31 and the provisions relating to the offence of abduction of women and children are contained in the 24 and 25 Victoria C. 100, In charging the jury, Justice Wightman :said; "You must also, be satisfied that the prisoners, or one of them, took the girl out of the ever, the going away was antiroly voluntary on the part of the girl, the prisoner would been read, not be guilty of any offence under this Statute." The Chairman sa d :- Gentlemen,-I beg to

got fairly away from home, and then goes to Parliament, for the Act does not say he shall

ACTIVITY OF VICEROY SHOM. OPIUM-SMOKING AMONG OFFICIALS

> CONDEMNIED. [From Our Correspondent.]

Canton, 10th April. H.E. the Viceroy lest here on Sunday, on our of inspection up the East River district as far as Whichow, the river being now high enough to permit of steam-launches proceed-

BRITISH ADMIRAL'S VISIT. Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur W. Moore arrived here yesterday afternoon in the Alacrity and was received with the customary salutes.

DISASTER TO PASSENGER BOAT. Alarge passenger boat crowded with some 400 souls bound for Ching Yuen capsized and sunk on Sunday afternoon near Sainam, only 3 persons were saved. Most of the victims were homeward bound for the annual ancesrral worship.

THE EVIL OF OPIUM-SMOKING.

The Viceroy is determined to suppress opiummoking amongst the Government officials. He has instructed his military secretaries to ascertain and report to him the name and occupation of any official addicted to this habit. in his circular instructions he says that the habit is excusable in the old and decrepit who require a stimulant to keep up their energy, but any other official found to make a habit of opjum-smoking will be immediately cashiered, as it is a danger to the nation and bad and demoralizing to the individual.

> CHATUN NOTAS. SURVEY FOR WATERWORKS. A WOMAN PILLORIED.

[From Our Correspondent.]

Canton, 6th April. Survey work on the projected Canton waterworks continues, but the Viceroy is at a loss to underst ind where the money to complete same is to come from as the Peking Government have refused to permit him to raise a foreign loan for the purpose.

A Chinese woman at Honam was yesterday publicly exposed in the pillory for six hours for

FRENCH ADMIRAL'S VISIT. Vice-Admiral Richards and staff paid an official call on the Viceroy yesterday morning and was entertained at lunch; he left for Hongkong to-day.

"M. STRUVE" WRECKED. TOTALLY ABANDONED BY THE CREW

We have received information to-day to the effect that the steamer M. Struve, of which Messrs. Semssen and Company are the local agents, has been wrecked on her voyage to Chinking. The s.s. M. Struve, commanded by Captain F. Bremer, left this port on Friday last, with a cargo of sugar consigned to Chinking. She is reported to have struck a to k some time on Sunday last near Ockseu Island, midway between Amoy and Foochow, and about three hundred and fifty miles from Hongkong. The agents informed our representative that they were in receipt of telegraphic news from the captain of the vessel to the effect that the crew had abandoned the vessel and had arrived in Swatow this morning. The Captain returned to the wreck with six persons, while the German gunboat Tiger had left Amoy for the scene of the wreck, and will, it is understand, remain there till such time as her services are no longer required at the scene of the disaster. It is stated that the ship is a total wreck, and at present the agents do not expect that any salvage operations willbe undertaken. The M. Struve, according to the telegram, is badly damaged forward, but as regards the other sections of the vessel no information is forthcoming at present. The cargo of sugar is also lost. The vessel is insured in local companies to the amount of \$160,000. The s.s. M. Strave was a com-

and 965 net. CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

paratively new boat. She was built in

1903, at Lubeck. She is 1,581 gross tonnage

INAUGURAL MEETING IN SINGAPORE.

A meeting of a large and influential section of the Chinese community of Sinvapore was held at the Tung Chi 1 Yuen (Chinese Hospital) Wayang Street, on Saturday, the 11st ultin o and a resolution was unanimously adopted to form a Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Singapore with the object of affording its members the benefits of such an inctitution.

The following gentlemen were then unanispously appointed to form themselves into a temporary Committee to lay the matter before the local Government and to pray for the exemption of the Chamber from the operation of the Societies Ordinance 1889. Goh Siew Tin, the way of punch-balls, Indian clubs, etc., a Chop An Ho, Fukien Province; Tan Hoon Chiu, Chop Jon Hong, Kwangturg Province; Chan Tiau Lam and Tan Tek Soon, secretaries

PHILIPPINE COMPANY, LIMITED

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MERTING.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Philippine Company, Limited, was held at the office of the National Bank of should go on and prosper, for it certainly sup-China, Ltd., Queen's Road, this afternoon, for plies a real want, the purpose of passing a special resolution. There were present :- Messrs. J. F. Wright (in the chair), G. C. Moxon, E. Haskell, J. E. Joseph, Chan Ki-pan and Leung Pak-lung. The notice convening the meeting having

in Reg. v. Oliffer, 10 Cox C.C. 402, the propose that the firm of Mestrs. H. S. Kadoorie stituting the words "E. S. Kadoorie and Co.," for the words "Benjamin, Kelly and Potts," Mr. G. C. Moxon seconded.

Carried unanimously, The Chairman .- That is all the business, gentlemen. I am much obliged for your

The meeling then ended.

THINKING he was not seen; a coolin walked In the present case the prosecution have not | into a West l'oint joss-house yesterday after. satisfied me that the girl, Yeung Hang To, left | noon and sallied forth with half-a-dozen candle. + Mr. F. W. Pentycross ### - 26 - 85 the complainant's house in consequence of any sticks under his arm. He had not far to go out to her by the defendant. According to her | the door. On Monday, at the Police Court, the thief was sentenced to be exposed in the

SALE OF THE "DECIMA!"

" : "fernoon, at the sales rooms of Mr. Geo. P. Lammert, auctioneer, Duddell Street, the German steamer Decima, which was wrecked off Cape Kami, Hainan Island, was offered for sale by public auct on with all and sundry har appurtenances, stores, anchors, cables, chains, ctc. About 1,000 tons of coal, the cargo of the s.s. Decima, was also put up for sale by auction

as a reparate lot. The vessel as she lay was sold to Mr. Sui Hing for \$225, the same purchaser becoming the owner of the 1,000 tons of coal in her, for \$25, making \$250 in all.

PROPERTY SALE. At Mr. Geo. P. Lummert's sales rooms this afternoon, the properties known as Nos. 349. 351, and 353, Des Vœux Road West, were put up for auction in three lots. The lots were sold for \$8,600, \$8,300, and

58, 100 respectively, Mr. Sin Tak Fan being the purchaser of each lot. Messrs, Ewens, Harston and Harding were lie solicitors for the vendors.

THE KELPTOMANIC PLEA.

DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF STEALING

The Chinaman who was ordered by Mr. F. A. Hazeland some days ago to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital to be examined is to his mental condition was brought up on emand this morning. Defendant, it will be temembered, was arrested at Wanchal for tealing two gladstone bags last week. On arrival at No. 2 Police Station defendant said he was a kelptomanic and could not help steal-

convicted in America for a similar offence. Ris Worship-What about this man? Insp. Gauld-The doctor- is of opinion that the defendant's mind is sound.

ing anything he fancied. He had already been

His Worship-Is anything known of the efendant? Insp. Gauld-Nothing, your Worship.

His Worship-Three weeks hard labour. CITEAP EXCURSIONS TO

CHEK-WAN. An excursion which should prove a very welcome change from the stereotyped routes in that promoted by the owners of the well-known river boats Kwong-chow and Kwong-lung. It is proposed that during the continuance of the great annual Chinese festival which takes place at Chek-wan, these vessels will run trips to that port, beginning the excursions daily

from to-morrow. The vessels will leave the Wing Lok Street wharf at 8 a.m. each morning and leave Chek-wan on the return journey to Hongkong at 2 p.m. The single fare to Chekwan will be \$1.50 and the return fare \$2.50, 80 that it cannot be said the expense will be very great. Meals will be provided at the uniform price of \$1 each. A very large number of residents are sure to take advantage of the trip, which will in a way be a unique experience, It should be noted that these vessels will not run to Macao on Sunday, 15th inst. The excursions to (hek-wan will continue from tomorrow until the 16th inst.

> AN "AWFULLY NICE" HOUSE-BOY.

DEPARTS FOR THE INTERIOR.

Mrs. Sachse, of St. George's House, Kennedy Road, issued a summons against her house-boy for leaving her employ without giving notice. The "boy" entered the service of another family after leaving her, but had recently returned to the interior.

His Worship-The "boy" is away. If you want I can adjourn the case sine die until ho Complainant-It is not worth it. He was an

awfully nice "boy," and I paid him his wages before he left. His Worship—Do you want to withdraw the

Complainant.—Yes. The charge was accordingly thrown out.

PHYSICAL CULTURE.

NEW HONGKONG GYMNASIUM.

Another effort is to be made in Hongkong to establish here a school for physical culture, in which boxing, wrestling, and gymnastics will be taught by two expert exponents of these manly arts. This new school has been opened at No. 17 Queen's Road, Central, next to Messrs. Gregor and Co.'s offices, and is under the superintendence of Messrs, Bert Delancy and Lou Roman, both gymnasts of wide experience, who have taught the public art in most parts of the world including America, South Africa, India, Australia and the East, Mr. Delancy himself having had ten years experience in teaching in the East alone. The gymnasium is fitted up with all the lastest appliances in new departure being a small punch-ball fixed to the floor, instead of being suspended from & board above, thus giving play to other muscles than merely those of the arms. Special instruction is being given to ladies and children in this mornings from to a.m. to t p.m., while in the afternoon the gymnasium is open for gentlemen desiring instruction, and already the school has a promising number of pupils, among the professional and business men of the Colony. As exercise is the great essential for the maintenance of health in the tropics, and as it is here afforded in all forms, this new school

> THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLOB.

The first monthly competition for the Captain's Cup, presented by the Captain of the Club, Mr. R. J. Grist, took place on the 7th to defendant was charged under Section 55 of the | and Co. be appointed General Managers of | 9th April, inst. The heavy storm which took place on the morning of the 8th instant prevented many players from putting in cards. The winner proved to be Mr. F. R. Barry. The following returns were made:

CAPTAIN'S CUP. Mr. F. R. Barry... ... 80 scr. == 80 Mr. J. Clark... ... 86 - r = 85 Mr. R. Miller 103 - 17 = 85 Mr. T. C. Gray ... 98 - 9 = 89The pool was won by Lt. F. Gibson, R.N.,

with a net score of 78. MAY CUP. The competition for this cup took place on the same date, the following returns being

Mr. A. S. Fraser 104 — 16 = 88 Mr. F. C. Kendall..... 113 - 18 = 95

† Winner. The next Club competition will take place on the 14th to 16th April for the Robertson Farawall Cup.

THE CHEKWAN EXCURSIONS. CHINEST ANCESTOR-WORSHIPPING.

The annual pilgrimage of Chinese to Chek wan to visit the tombs of their ancestors, and to do homago to their forefathers, commenced. on Thursday, and is continuing daily until Monday next, when the last excursion will be made. Up to and including to-day's departures. it is estimated that something like 10,000 Chinese have made the pilgrimage, and it is anticipated that some 5,000 will avail themselves of the rema ning two days' excursions.

Yesterday, Good Friday, being a public holiday, the opportunity was taken advantage of by some 400 Europeans to make the trip and see what was to be seen although the weather considerably marred the pleasure of the outing. The ear part of the day was fine and clear, and good weather was anticipated, but those anticipations, unfortunately for those concerned, were not realized, as about noon the weather thickened and heavy clouds loomed up, and ere long discharged their contents in drench ing torrents, so that it turned out a very we festival for the participants, the majority of the Europeans, no doubt, being sorry they went.

ENERGETIC VIGEROY SHUM. A POLICY OF IMPROVEMENTS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 13th April. Every little while Viceroy Shum is giving evidence of his progressiveness. He is evidently in earnest in the work he has undertaken. His latest departure is road building. I have frequently called attention to the activity shown in matters military. It is well known that the Viceroy wants and intends to have an army which will better represent the importance of South China. He wants 24,000 foreign drilled troops and he intends to have them, any one going out from the East gate of the city will be impressed with the energy displayed in military affairs. Barracks have been springing up everywhere. The most insportant centre seems to be at Yin Lung about five miles from the East gate. Here barracks have been built capable of accommodating from six to ten thousand men. At the foot of Lean Dog mountain there is a level piece of ground suitable for a parade ground and, daily drill is carried on. The raw material is worked into shape. There is also a good range for rifle practice, and the men are being taught to shoot. The road connecting these barracks with the city, while good as roads in China go, is narrow. The Viceroy has determined to have a road suitable for the requirements of his new and growing army. He has issued orders for a wide modern road to be constructed. The survey has been made, and the line staked out and work will be begun immediately. The road will be between fifteen and twenty feet wide and about five miles long. I know of no other road about Canton. Narrow winding foot paths every where but there is nothing that should be dignified by the name of road. It is to be hoped that this is but the first of many good rolds soon to be built around Canton.

BOXER RISING IN HUNAN.

THREATS TO EXTERMINATE FOREIGNERS.

[From Our Correspondent.] 🕙

Canton, 13th April. Native papers report that a few days ago a large body of Boxers, numbering fully 7,000, gathered at a place called Sai-ping in Hunan, holsting a banner on which were inscribed the characters "Free China and exterminate the foreigner," Viceroy Chang Chih-tung of the Liang Hu provinces at once despatched a body of troops comprising 2,000 infantry, 500 cavairy railway to the scene, and soon dispersed the | have changed hands at \$133 and more shares

THEATRE BLOWN DOWN.

The day before yesterday there was a heavy thunderstorm in the Sanui district and during a violent squall a theatre was blown down and a small fort was damaged.

'HONGKONG SPORTSMEN DISAPPOINTED. Football and hockey teams arrived from Hongkong this morning to play off the return matches against Canton, but the rainy weather will probably prevent the games from being played.

> ALLEGED TROUBLE AT SHUN-TAK.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CLANSMEN.

It is reported that a Chinese merchant, native of Shun-tak, who arrived in the Colonyyesterday from his home, has been spreading rumours that trouble is brewing in that locality. He is stated to have said that an' uprising in Shun-tak is expected during the 4th moon (May), and that if a certain person is not killed before that time there is little prospect of the present tension abating. About a fortnight ago some difference of opinion arose between two clans in the district, and it terminated in the death of a well-known villager. Since that time many attempts are alleged to have been made to avenge the death in question. A few days ago, the alleged murderer of the villager, despatched a letter to the village of his rival and offered to pay 2 000 taels as compensation for the death of their man, provided no further attempts were made on his own life. 'The opposing party emphatically refused to receive any "blood money." Just before the departure of the Shun-tak merchant for this port, a party was appointed to take summary measures against the supposed murderer, but no news has been received as to whether they were successful in their hunting expedition. The Shun-tak Magistrate, we are informed, is taking no notice of the present condition of things.

UNFORTUNATE AMERICANS

ANOTHER MAGNATE IN A JAPANEEK PRACAS.

nate in their experiences of Japanese crowde. disturbances in the capital last September, Mr. | future. Schiff, the well known New York banker, who is at present in this country, has been coming | quiry after tonnage, into purely accidental contact with a Japanese mob in angry mood. It appears that Mr. Schiff was proceeding from Kozu to Miyano- for outsiders from Wuhu and Chingkiang for shita by the electric tramway on the 3rd inst. when the car was attacked by a number of villagers from Sayno who were carrying a cally no orders have been on the market for portable shrine. The Tramway Company, it is Amoy or Swatow. For Canton, the first and port will be appealed to when details are explained, had been in the habit of making an as it appears the only fixture of a boat effected | completed. were drafted to the vicinity from the Odawara | here; native produce dealers would not seem to] Police Station in anticipation of hostilities. know. Fortunktely, the nolice were able to prevent

Mr. Schiff was travelling, but two of the policemen were severely injured in the struggle, I may be hoped that the American papers will J of Japanese hostility to the people of the United

SINGAPORE SCHEMES

Recently we wrote under the caption "Singapore Schemes," a criticism of the proposal to | \$1.75. improve the harbour of that port at a cost of something like one and a quarter million pounds sterling. In quoting that editorial, the Eastern Daily Mail says: - Under the above heading, the Hongkong Telegraph expresses, in a conservative way, the opinion which prevails among a majority of the business men of this Colony in regard to our proposed harbour works and other ambitious schemes. The answer of Government to the argument of the Telegraph's leader writer would doubtless be that Hongkong naturally objects to the immeuse development of the port of Singapore which is now proposed, but this reply would most certainly fail to account for the hearty endorsement which the views expressed in the leader, which we quote herewith in extenso will meet among the responsible business men of Singapore." It is satisfactory to learn that our views are substantially endorsed by the business community of Singapore' and the tu queque of the Government of that Colony may be disregarded by those who are interested in the welfare of that port.

COMMERCIAL.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the week, Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie and Co. write, on the 12th inst., as follows :- To-morrow, Friday, being a holiday we are issuing our circular a R.G.A. day earlier than usual. Since we last wrote, nothing of any consequence has taken place in our market and quotations of most of our stocks remain unchanged.

Banks.—Transactions have been done in Hongkong and Shanghai Banks at \$860 and \$365, the market closing at \$860. Nationals

continue in request at \$40. Marine Insurances, - Cantons have been sold at \$350 and there are further buyers at this rate. China Traders have buyers at \$96. North Chinas are quoted at Tls. 90. Unions are steady at \$790. Yangtezes have been sold at Tis. 190. At the forthcoming meeting of shareholders to be held on 18th instant in Shanghai the directors recommend a dividend of 20% (\$12 per share) \$96,000, to transfer to reserve fund \$50,000, to re-insurance fund \$50,000, and to carry forward \$127,346.48.

Fire Insurances .- China Fires have further advanced and are in demand at \$87. Hongkong Fires are wanted at \$305.

Shipping .-- China and Manilas remain quie at \$18. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are offering at \$25. Indo-Chinas are quoted at \$94. Shell Transports have advanced and are wanted at 26s. A small parcel ní Taku Tugs have been sold at Tls. 37% Star Ferries are unchanged.

Refinences,-Chin's Sugars have sellers at \$180 and Luzons are quoted at \$25. Perak Sugars have improved and can be placed at

Tls. 724. Mining.—Raubs are to be had at \$3. Chinese Engineerings continue in demand and have buyers at the improved rate of Tls. 10.35.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns,-Hongkong and Whampon Docks after sales at \$170 are now offering at \$ 6). Farnhams have continued steady and close at Tls. 118% at which rate sales have taken place. Kowloon Wharft can be had at \$104} Hongkew Wharfs have further appreciated in value and shares have changed has ds at Tls, 2221.

Lands Hotels and Buildings,-Hongkong Lands are still wanted at \$116. Shanghai Lands have gone up to Tls. 120 and close firm and two batteries of artillery by the Lu-Han | with buyers at this rate. Hongkong Hotels can be placed.

> Cotton Mills.—Ewos are still in demand and are now inquired for at Tls. 65. Internationals | Kobe in June. are quoted at Tls. 621 and Laou Kung Mow

Miscellaneous.—Cements have declined to 529k and can be had at this rate. China Light and I owers have been sold at Sio, ex the dividend of 60 cents paid on 9th inst. Sumatras have advanced in the North to Tis. 65 and are firm at this figure. Sales have taken place of Providents at \$9 and Wm, Powells have been fixed at \$10\ ex dividend. Langkats have sold at Tis, 232h and close steady at Tis. 235.

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inst, as follows :—

A larger business than during the preceding fortnight has been done during the period now under review and tonnage is scarcer, yet rates continue on an unremunerative level and the demand has not been such as to affect them much. There have been, for special requirements, a few fixtures "on time," all for short terms though. There is such an uncertainty about future prospects that nobody appears to care for any long period time-charter engagement. Competition by Japanese tonnage that has been threatening for some time is, still a quite likely contingency. The "Japan Shipowners' Association," newly founded and claiming to have the control of some 130 steamers, are supposed to wait for developments in the Japan freight market and the release of further Go ernment chartered steamers to try the local market at opportune moments.

As for the fortnight's fixtures tripwise, concerning Saigon, rates to Hongkong touched 16. [shortly, cents, close at about 15 cents, quiet. Saigon to the Philippines the inquiry has practically been nil, only fixture reported is a ready boat that accepted 25 cents, in preference to taking unofficial member of the Legislative Co sacil a Hongkong charter. Salgon to Kobe, Norw. s.s. "Norden" has been arranged to take over charter previously fixed for Japanese s.s. 'Kotohira Maru," which latter vessel was damaged by collision.

means of giving employment to several light | broker. In the near future it many have a draft outsiders, which load on the berth partly | Bialto, and protably a stock exchange, But and partly for Chinese account. Consequent | the presence of the stockbroker is an encour-American magnates visiting this country, says | upon a lower market for rice locally, however, | aging sign, so long as the shares keep high. the Kobe Herald, appear to be rather unfortu- | freights are less firm just at the moment and demand appears to have ceased pro tem. In Like Mr. E. H. Harriman, who was unin- this direction there is nevertheless believed to mongers at the Magistracy on Saturday, on tentionally hustled at Tokio at the time of the be good prospect for suitable tonnage for the charges of keeping a common usming house,

From the Yangtsze ports, a slight demand prevails and at 17/42 cand, there may be room Canton loading, on lineas' terms.

Newchwang has been a disappointment: Lo- of the Army and Navy officers and men who annual contribution toward the celebration of since the port has actually re-opened, has been the village festival, which falls on April 3, but as low as 22 cents per picul. Whether cirthis year the gift had been discontinued. A | cumstances at the Northern port will yet shape good deal of local indignation had been caused | so as to allow of anything like the usual trade

not magnify this incident into another evidence Edone from Karatsu for this port at only \$1.30, Where have been offers at \$1.40 for Moji loading that have not brought out takers. Japanese Acoal ports to Shanghai, the market has been described as somewhat easier lately. The rate is probably correctly described as about \$1,50. Moji to Chinking, a local boat his accepted

As for sailers, there is nothing new to report. In the absence of any suitable sailer to be chartered for timber from Borneo, another steamer has just been secured, prompt, Relang to this port. 1,380 tons net reg, for \$11,000 Mex. lump sum.

· Sail-tonnage disengaged :- Nil. Departures of sailers :- None.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE destroyer Hibiki was launched at Yokosuka on aist ult.

THE Hon. Mr. Edward Osborne has been reappointed member of the Medical Board.

THERE were six cases of plague in Hongkong during the past 24 hours, and of these five have succumbed to the disease."

THE Victoria Recreation Club held their athletic sports on the Hongkong Football Club ground, at Happy Valley, on the 7th inst.

A PORTActhur telegram to the Mainichi states that a terrible explosion took place at the milit ary magazine there at 5 p.m. on the 27th ult.

CAPTAIN G. Radham-Thornhill, Royal Garri-

son Artillery, arrived per s.s. Devanha on the I 5th instant, on posting to No. 83 Company, l THE following telegram has been received

from H.B.M. Consul at Chefoo dated 10th

instant:-"Quarantine enforced against Hong-BARON Milsui, on behalf of the Mitsui family of Tokyo, has presented Y5,000 towards the

relief fund for the sufferers from the earthquake

in Formosa. LIEUT.-Col. C. S. Sparkes, R.A.M.C., has been appointed member of the Banitary Board, in place of Lieut.-Col. C. 1. Josling, R.A.M.C.,

THE appointment of Dr. Heanley, M.B., to be assistant bacteriologist in the service of the Government of Hongkong, with effect from the dth April, is gazetted.

A CORRESPONDENT at Heilungkiang reports that Russia is still secretly constructing defence works there, employing (hinese and paying increased wages.

on private affairs has been granted to Lieutenant A. Dymock, Army Ordnance Department, from 11th April to 12th June 1906.

LEAVE of absence to the neighbouring countries

a.m. on the 7th instant passed the str. Roal, of officer was badly injured. He was removed hostiana, iground on Dearbourne Island Spit. I to the naval hospital, but succumbed,

Justice. MR. T. Asano, President of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, proposes to establish a joint stock

company, with a capital of Yen 1,500,000, in order to improve the harbour and post of Yokkaichi THE Kumamoto Emigration Company has

accepted a contract to supply 250 men for a Mexican colliery. The men are now being engaged, and will probably leave Yokohama or

FROM and after the 6th inst., the rate of postage on letters from Hongkong and British Postal Agencies in China to Egypt and the Sudan will be four cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof.

THE N. C. D. News learns that the Norwegian steamer Norrong, of 808 tons net and 1,283 tons gross, has been sold by Messrs. Sander, Wieler & Co., the agents at Shanghai, to Messrs, Taimo Yoko.

THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Com-Messrs. Lamke and Rogge write on the 7th | pany's total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending 24th of March amounted to 19,578.35 tons and the sales during the period to 21,171,90 tons.

I SEVEN cases of plague occurred in Hongkong

during the last twenty-four hours. In each case the victim succumbed. All the infected persons were Chinese, and all the cases came from the western side of the Colony.

has been decorated by H. I. M. the Emperor with the Order of Merit for her services in alleviating the sufferings of lepers since 1889. It is reported that the efforts to repair the ! damage to the Port Arthur Docks, which were

blown up by the Russians, have been abandoned as uscless. Operations for the entire tebuilding of the docks will be commenced MR. E. Osborne has been appointed provisiour.

ly and subject to His Majesty's pleasure to brain with effect from the 7th instant, during the absence of the Honourable Mr. Gershom Stewart, or until further notice.

BANGKOK is undoubtedly flourishing, for the Bangkok-Hongkong business has been the city on the "mother of rivers" has now a stock-

INSPECTOR Collett proceeded against ten fishat No. to, Tung Wo Lane, Wesk Point, and lava to Hongkong continues without in- gambling. Evidence was taken, (and the first defendant fined \$25, the remainder \$2 each,

ADMIRAL Togo and General Nogi are projecting a scheme for the erection of a monument on Peiki Hill at Port Arthur in clommemoration fell in the attack on that fortress. Public sup-

Nakagawa Yone, living in Franadaiku-machi, Hyogo, a weaver of cotton goods, has sold January and October last, without paying the any damage to my afficted on the car in which further business at \$2.00 per ton, and there has a Violation of the War-Tax Latv.

been a fixture Hongay to Saigon at res reed MR. Eitaki, the Japanese Consel-General, and John Dunnie, an inmate of the Bouse of I the leading Inpanese residents entertained Detention, failed to turn up at the closing From lapan, whilst last business has been Admiral Taketomi, Prince Fushimi of the time" on the 2nd instant. A policeman was cruiser Takachiho, and the officers of the South China Squadron to tiffin at the Astor House at Shanghai, on the 5th inst. Several Chinese officials were present.

> "You are charged with having a quantity of .illicit opium in your house," said Mr. F. A. Hazeland to a defendant this morning at the Police Court. "No. I have vot," replied the labour. Chinaman. "The excise officer put it there. I saw with my own eyes. I don't smoke." He was fined \$75 novertheless.

ON Wednesday, at the Police Court, Mi C. E. H. Beavis, of Measrs, Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for two Chinamen and pleaded guilty on their behalf, on a charge preferred against them by Inspector Gourlay of being on unlawful possession of a quantity of copper. Mr. Hazeland fined the defendants \$50 each.

A CHINESE coo'ie, walking in the Chinese Recreation ground on Sunday morning, was seen by district watchman No. 33 to stumble and fall to the ground. The watchman ran to pick the man up, only to find that he was dead. Heart failure was supposed to have been the cause of death. His body was removed to the mortuary.

CLOTHING hung out to dry in verandahs in Macdonnell Road, Kowloon, have lately been disappearing in large quantities. A watch was kept, with the result that a coolie was captured red-han () on Sunday night. On being placed before Mr. Hazeland on Monday, the coolie was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour and six hours' stocks.

LANCE-SURGEANT Aris prosecuted fourteen coolies, at the Magistracy on Wednesday, before Mr. F. A. Hazeland. The first coolie was charged with keeping a common gaming house at No. 348; Queen's Road West on Tuesday, and the remainder with gambling on the premises. The charge of yambling was proved, and the defendants fined \$1 each.

AMONG the passengers leaving on Wednesday for home, via Canada, is Mr. I. French, of the Naval Store Office, H. M. Naval Yard, Mr. French, who, during his three years' stay in the Colony, has cultivated many friends, has been transferred to Portsmouth Dockyard. A large party of friends gathered on Black Pier this fore--noon to wish Mr. and Mrs. French bon voyage,

"shirt waist" style, once attempted, and to some extent successful, in America. He entered one of our New-road hotels, asked for a cooling drink and—was refused! Why? Because he had no coat. He was martyred in the cause of reason. 'Twas ever thus !- Rangkok Times

SASEBO telegram says that the work of floating the bittleship Mikasa is in progress. The Asahi, however, comes that the authorities are showing profound inxiety concerning the operations. While the operations for ic-THE L.C.S. Tucknow, which arrived at Shanghar | floating the Mikasa were in progress the other on unday from River ports, reported: At 8.30 day, a steam-pipe exploded and a warrant

'WE should never have a case like this if we | CHAN Ki appeared before Mr. F. A. Hazeland had a registration of partnerships Ordinance in I at the Magistracy on Wednesday at the instance Hongkong," said Counsel on Tuesday afternoon | of lengeant Sims, charged with entering a dwellin the partnership issue case before the Chief I ing house at No. 2A, Morrison Street, Shamshui-no, early yesterday morning, and stealing clothing, etc., to the value of but to, the pronerty of a fishmoneer. Evidence having been heard, the defendant was rentenced to three weeks' hard labour and six hours' stocks.

THE old woman and man, who were arrested and charged on l'unsday, at the instance of Inspector Cameron, with removing the dead body of a child at Sha-po, Kowloon City, without the necessary permit, were brought up on remand on Wednesday. The body of the child was examined at the morgue and it was ascer tained that death w s due to natural causes, Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne imposed a fine of \$25

THE N.-D. L. S. Pring Eitel Friederich, which arrived at Shanghai on 30th ult., experienced a sharp shock of a submarine earthquake at o'clock on the morning of the 28th who in the Formosa Channel. The effect of the shock which lasted four or five seconds, was similar to that produced by racing engines, the vibration being so great that many of the passengers made their way on deck to ascertain the cause of the disturbance.

HOK-LO and Cantonese clansmen came into conflict at the Flour Mill works, at Junk Bay, on Tuesday night, with the result that three me i had to be transported to hospital, suffering from injuries to their heads. The fight, it was stated, arose through a gambling debt. Bricks and other handy missiles played an important part in the fight. The police arrived on the scene and succeeded in cap uring four meh. who were placed before Mr. F. A. Hazeland THE Lady Superior of the Roman Catholic for Wednesday. The defend his were fined \$3 Mission at Kumainoto, Sister Marie Colombe, Leach

> THE Japanese Naval Department has given notice that fifteen of the merchant vessels cap stored during the late war are to be sold b tender. Applications must be sent to the Department by the toth inst. The following are the steamship, which are to be sold !--Yatsunia Maru Urus in Maru, King Arthur, Beating, Riub: Maru, Frimo Maru, Scotsman, Latibetori Maru 5, Vegga, Steary Bilkow, Chofeku Maru, Baies Rideautr, and Montara The sailing vessel Antelope is also to be sold hy tender.

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THE Formosa correspondent of the Osaka Shimto sends the following returns of the loss of life and property destruction ascertained up | day of a German lady of embonfoint proportions, to the 25th ultimo :-

SJapanese 13 Crushed to death ... } Natives 1,005 Japanese 34 Nati e 1,873 Totally 4,214 Houses collapsed ..

The correspondent writes that the casualties were much heavily among the women than IT has just transpired that at woman named among men, more than two-thirds of the list representing women. This is due to the fact that the feet of the women are crippled similarly by this circumstance, and a number of police to be worked this season cannot be judged some 300 pieces of that material between to those of Chinese women. On the 26th ult. the list of casualties rose to 1,227 in killed and Special Consumption Tax on the textiles. A | 2,329 in injured, 5,566 in the number of house Coal freights :- Hopgay to Canton has had charge has been made against the woman for lightly destroyed, and 10,938 in the number sat amered. But His Honour Ignored the Company, No. 1, Ice Front Road, in the City L pattially destroyed.

sent to find Downie and arrested him on the Wingchaf wharf on Monday. Defendant, who was landed destitue in the Colony during the late war, in pleading guilty to the charge, said that he went out to look for work. He had been in the House of Detention for some months and wanted work, "Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne sent defendant to gaol for one month; with hard

In publishing a telegram from Hongkong with reference to the recent visit of the French fleat to Hongkong the Courrier Saigonnais has the following fontnote:-The above *telegram comes to us in the ordinary course of Hongkong telegraphic news, but we may b permitted to express our astonishment that the Consul for France in that city had not thought it necessary to cable to Saigon himself, some details of the cordial reception which his followed in acknowledgment for the fêtes recently given in our city to the English fleet.

PRINCE Yiwo of Korea, who fled to Japan from his native land some years and to escape arrest for a political offence, has been recalled by the Emperor of Korea. During his exile he has spent most of his time in Japan, making occasional visits to the United States Prince Yiwo is going home very sheatly, and was to have had a farewell audience with the Emperor vesterday in Jokio, At is believed sthat all other Korean political refugees now in Japan will be given a special pardon.

As will be remembered 27 military store-houses at introshima with their contents, valued at about Y5,000,000, were destroyed by fire on October 1st last, The conflagration was supposed to be the work of incendiaries and three men were arrested on suspicion of arson. of them died in prison some time ago, and the other two were acquitted by the court-martial on the 30th ultimo on the ground of the insufficiency of evidence. The reason the men civilians, were tried by court-martial is that at the time of the fire Hiroshima was under mar-

On Thursday, before Mr C. A. D. Melbourne, ten coolies were charged at the Police Court with stowing away on board" the steamer Victoria from Saigon without the permission of the master. The defendants pleaded guilty to the charge and his Worship imposed a fine THE other day a gentlem in landed in Bangkok, of \$100 each, with the option of three weeks and finding it pretty hot, decided to adopt the hard labour. The steward, a Chinaman, on board the Victoria, had to answer a charge of aiding and abetting the men on board ship with the intention of defrauding the Company He also pleaded guilty and was fined \$500, or three months' hard labour,

> THE formal opening ceremony in connection with the office of the Residency-General in Korea, was held on the 28th ult., in the presence of about 1 500 guests, including Korean, Japanese, and foreign high officials and civilians. Guide parties were also given i honours of the overeign. In an address Maquis to stated that he intended to do his hes to assist in the development of Korea, and the Korean Premier in responding stated that he was determined to effect administrative reforms and promote the prosperity of his country, under the direction of Marquis Ito.

THE launch of the steam-ship Loong-woo, which has been built by the Hongkong and Whampon Dock Company to the order of the Indo-China Sleam Navigation Company, will take place on 'Wednesday, 18th inst., at 5 p.m. The Loong-wo is intended for the Yangtse trade, and as an evidence of t e interest which is being manifested in this tride it may be noted that the Li Fong, belonging to the Messageries Reunis, arrived at Hongkong the other day, enroute to Shanghai, and she will also be em ployed on the Yangtse. The Li Fong, which a sister ship of a vessel (the Limao)—belong ing to the same firm-already plying, on the Yangtse, left yesterday for Shanghai, ...

THE first annual report of the Hongkong Horticultural Society has just been issued Reference is made to the success which at tended the flower show, and it is stated that the second show will be held in the early part o 1907. Arrangements are being made for ob taining such seeds from, home as are required by members. The Society acknowledges the donations and subscriptions to the prize-fund. and states that without the help thus given there would have been a deficit of over \$500. As it is the balance in hand stands at \$1,023 The general meeting at which the report and accounts will be presented to the members takes place this evening.

THURSDAY is usually/Bankruptcy Jurisdiction day, at the Supreme/Court, but apparently there are no firms or individuals in the Colony in difficulties sufficient to drive them to seek the protection of that Court through the "whitewashing" process, as there were no bankrupts whatever before the Court. Accordingly, to-morrow being Good Friday, and Government holiday, the summary settle ...en list usually dealt with on Fridays was taken up by the Puisne Judge this morning. The lis dealt with to-day, however, failed to provide the usual budget of interesting incidents, the whole list, with the exception of the few cases dealt with elsewhere, being composed of very petly and crosaic matter.

A FITTER employed in the Electric Light works at Hunghom, engaged a ricksha on Wednesday afternoon from the Po Hing theatre, Yaumati to teturn to the works. On arrival the fitter tendered the coolie for the drive twelve cent-GLCON, duliness and death we have, like the | which was refused by the coolie. After an noor, always with us, and so it is scarcely largument the coolie accepted the fare, and, in advisable or necessary to advertise the fact. | doing so, punched the fitter in the eye, drawing Yet the shop windows of a certain establish- blood. The catsha coolin was given in charge ment in the Colony which caters for feminine I On Thurday, the fitter appeared at the Police frippery, is now dressed in all the "trappings | Cou t with a swollen right eye to prosecute the of woe," which might induce the belief in the coolie. When asked what he had to say, demind of the public that the proprietors are fendant said that he would not dare to strike possessed of prophetic souls, and are thus the complainant as he was the only Hok-lo preparing for a prolonged visitation from the | man present. The complainant overturned his Angel of Death! Let's hope they are files vehicle and in doing so burt his eye. The magistrate fined defendant \$3.

> "WHAT is the matter? Have you a case?" asked His Honour the Puisne Judge on Thurswho entered the Summary Court at II a.m. and took a seat in solitary state in the middle of the front banch of the Court-room. # I was summoned," His Honour: Oh yes, I know, but you are too late. Lady: But I don't owe money. His Honour: I am sorry for you, but I have given judgment with costs against you. You should have been here at the proper time -to o'clock-it is now 11 o'clock," "" Humph," muttered the irate defendant, as she bounced up from her seat and sailed to the door of the small Court, after entering which she did not forget to announce her wrath, for she banged the unoffending door in's way that made the BRIAGA, for The Hoogkong Telegraph Comrafters ting, while Judge, lawyers and loafers (pany, Limited, at the Printing times of the

CHEONG Cheung, a bar-bay in the Occidental Hotel, Kowloon, was charged on Monday, before Mr. F. A. Hazelund, with stealing \$11.25, the property of his employers, on the 8th instant. Mrs. M. Mathacy said that defendant had only been in her employ for about a week. She had been in the habit of flosing money from the till. On Sunday on soing to the till she found \$11.25 gone, and looking underneath the counter she found \$1.95 hidden in a cigar-box. Defendant was the only " boy " behind the bar. At the station defendant was searched and the balance of the money found in his shoe. The defendant had nothing to say in deferce, and his Worship sentenced him to three weeks' hard labour and six hours' stocks,

A COOLIE, in the employ of a shop in the Central District, found himself auddenly turned on the street some days ago, for, it was a leged, stealing a photograph from the firm. Thinking perhaps that he had got off cheaply he failed to turn un for his box of clothing. Last night he "turned up" in a curious way, for his former master discovered him under his bed with some clothing-not the Property of the nocturnal visitor-at his side. On examining the entrances to the premises, it was found that the street door was lest wide open, and the padlock wrenched. The coolie, who said he had "only returned for his property," was given in charge, and on Monday was sente "in" for three weeks, and to do six hours in the stocks

SHOE-STRALING among the Chinese is of common recurrence. It has got to such a singe that their own people seldem take any notice of a companion's predicament. A coolie goes to the theatre and the first thing he does is to crouch on top of his seat, leavin, his shoes on the floor. When he wants to leave he finds they are gone, and some of them think nothing of it. A passenger on board the Honam from Canton was the victim of one of these annoying experiences, but fortunately his shoes were of a colour and shape that could be distinguished among a crowd. He left the boat and on the way home found the thief wearing his shoes. The man was given in charge, and at the Magistracy on Saturday Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne sentenced him to fourteen days' hard labour.

FOLLOWING are the returns of the average amount (of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 28th February, 1906, as certified by the managers of the respective Banks.

Average Amount, in Reserve. Chattered Bank o India, Australia and

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-13,171,589 Bank China, Limited.....

China, \$3,48 1,760

65,861 Total,....\$16,716,150 \$11,340,000

FROM further prirriculars to hand of the file on board the American ship Daylight! off the port of Yokkaichi, it appears, says the Jupan Chronicle of 30th ult, that the ship arrived here on the 18th idem from New York with a cargo of about 105,000 case of kerosene oil, 200 casks and 700 cases of paraffine-wax, and .,000 cases of machine-oil, consigned to the Masuda Shoten, a Japanese firm at Nagoya. The fire broke out at a o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, and was still raging at noon on Wednesday. Six holes were thereupon made. an both sides of the ship, which was then sunk out helow the meter line. The quantity of oil burnt is estimated at about 1,000 cases. Fifty casks and 200 cases of paraffine-wax, and the whole consignment of machine-oil remained in the ship, and it is feared have been completely

An interesting installation is to be seen on poard the British steamer Shimosa (2,690 tons net), says the N. C. D. News. This is one of the comparatively few vessels, which as yet have been fitted with kirh's modern fire communicating system. From the companinent under each hatch a ont-inch pipe is run to the chart-room where the pipes converge under an electric fan. In the event of fire breaking out n any compartment a bell is automatically rung, and the fan started; the situation of the fire is then indicated by the smoke drawn up by the fan from the compartment in which the outbreak has occurred. Steam is then turned on and introduced into the compartment in question and the fire may be generally those smothered at once. The one drawback to the system seems to be the possibility of damage to the communicating pipes by the removal of cargo, but even if one pipe should be damage ed, the others would not be affected, and By simple daily testing any defects can be easily discovered and remedied.

IT is customary when one newspaper quotes pecial intelligence of considerable import which has appeared in another to acknowledge the source of its information. The Eastern Daily Mail, however, is occasionally above such trifles, no doubt the result of its youthful exuberance. On the 27th March there appeared in the Hongkong Telegraph a special elegram from our own correspondent at Shanghai setting forth China's claim for an ademnity from France in respect of the Nanchang tragedy, the allegation being that the Chinese Magistrate was murdered by a French priest. On the 3rd April the same telegram was quoted by the E. D. M. but the usual courtesy of acknowledgment was neglected. Another telegram from our Shanghai correspondent delivered on the same date is also published in the E_i , D_i , M_i but again there is no mention of the Hongkong Telegraph, Of course we do not complain; our readers had the news first and that should content us, but a breach of journalistic amenities is naturally galling. 🕳

THE Focchow Echo, of 11st ult., says:-Another earthquake, the second in ten days, took place on Wednesday, the 28th last, a little before seven in the morning. It was much severer than its predecessor, and was felt not like the former, only along the river banks, but also on the hill. We have also heard reparts of a slight shock on Thursday morning and another on Thursday afternoon, but so few people felt these that they are at least to be regarded as doubtful. The earthquake was not the only exceptional meteorological phenomenon that desinguished last Wednesday, The deluge of rain, of course, cannot be regarded as excaptional, but a thunderstorm of such violence and duration as that which went on from Wedneslay afternoon till Thursday morning is quite unusual. A cargo-boat lying, off the bund opposite Messrs. Jardine. Matheson & Co.'s premises was struck, with rather curious effect. The whole length of the mast was scored or grooved, as if a long splinter has been taken out. Only the top of the most was hurned. "

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